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Date of Sailing. 1904 Saturday, 2 P.M.	Steamer.	Tons.	Connecting at Aden with.	Tons.
19th Nov.	ARCADIA	6603	OCEANA	6610
26th "	EGYPT	7912		
3rd Dec	CALEDONIA	7558	MACEDONIA	10512
10th "	MARMORA	10509		
17th "	ARCADIA	6903	CHINA	7912
24th "	PERSIA	7951		
31st "	CALEDONIA	7568	MOLDAVIA	9500
1905.				
7th Jan.	ARABIA	7903		
14th "	ARCADIA	6603	VICTORIA	6522
21st "	ORIENTAL	5284		
28th "	CALEDONIA	7558	HIMALAYA	6898
4th Feb.	EGYPT	7912		
11th "	ARCADIA	6603	INDIA	7911
18th "	CALEDONIA	7558		
25th "	PERSIA	7951	BRITANNIA	6525
4th Mar.	MACEDONIA	10512		
11th "	ARCADIA	6603	MONGOLIA	9505
18th "	ARABIA	7903		
25th "	PENINSULAR	5294	OCEANA	6610
1st April	PERSIA	7951		
8th "	ARCADIA	6603	MARMORA	10509
15th "	EGYPT	7912		
22nd "	PENINSULAR	5294	CHINA	7912
29th "	CALEDONIA	7558		
6th May	ARCADIA	6603	MOLDAVIA	9500
13th "	MACEDONIA	10512		

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*† MARIA VALERIE	P. Berberovich	4,247	22nd Dec. 1904
* † GISELA	G. Damianovich	4,260	27th Jan. 1905
* † CHINA	S. Tomanovich	6,000	23rd Feb. 1905

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

TESTAMENTARY AND INTESTATE JURISDICTION.

EDWARD VII, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

Petition of Letters of Administration of the property and credits of RAMRAO BHASKAR TRILOKEKAR, late of Bombay, Pathare Prabhu Hindu Inhabitant and Cashier to Messrs. Nanu & Hormasjee, deceased.

BAI PUTLABAI, widow of the said deceased, and ATMARAM VASUDEO VALKAR, a Licentiate of Medicine and Surgery, a brother-in-law of the said deceased (being the brother of the said BAI PUTLABAI,) both of Bombay Pathare Prabhu Hindu Inhabitants, residing at No 7 Chewalwady Cross Lane, near Cheera Bazar without the Fort of Bombay, for and on behalf of BALAJI RAMRAO, a minor son of the said deceased by the said BAI PUTLABAI. Petitioners.

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Witness SIR LAWRENCE H. JENKINS, K.C.I.E., Chief Justice at Bombay aforesaid, the Fourth day of November in the year of our Lord, One thousand nine hundred and four and in the fourth year of our Reign.

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A. M. KAJIJI,
The 9th day of November, 1904.
Messrs. NANU HORMASJEE, & Co.,
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BIRTHS.

CAUTLEY—November 12, at Roorkee, the wife of Capt J B Cautley, R A M C, of a son.

HENDERSON—November 11, at Chowringhee Lane, the wife of H P Henderson, of a daughter.

WILLMOTT—November 12, the wife of Mr C A Willmott, District Engineer, H H the Nizam's P W Dept, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

ORTON—MICKLEBURGH—November 7, at Loralai, by the Rev C A Gillmore, Captain E F Orton, 37th Lancers, second son of the Rev F Orton, to Miss Alice Frances Mickleburgh, second daughter of F H Mickleburgh, Esq. of Sunnymead Haywards Heath.

DEATH.

TOWNSEND—November 13, at Meerut, of fever, Charles Harold Townsend, Assistant Engineer, Irrigation Works, United Provinces, aged 25 years.

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TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 6h. 9m. Sun sets 5h. 21m. High water, 8-40m. 9-35a. Low water, 2-19 n., 2-51a.

P. and O. s.s. Caledonia, with English Mails of 4th inst. due to arrive at 5 a.m.

Royal Bombay Yacht Club Races.

Dinner in the Yacht Club to officers of the French Squadron.

Novelty Theatre, Stanley Opera Company, 9-30 p. m.

TO-MORROW.

Sun rises, 6h. 10m. Sun sets, 5h. 21m. High water, 2-14m., 10-10a. Low water, 3-9m., 3-25a.

NOTICE TO JURYMEN.—Gentlemen of the Special and Common Jury are required to attend at the High Court on Monday morning, the 21st instant, at 10 o'clock.

DEPARTURE OF A NATIVE CHIEF.—His Highness the Nawab of Rampore, attended by his retinue, left for his capital, on Thursday afternoon.

CHARITY SERMON.—A charity sermon will be preached by the Revd. Father Flink, S.J., at St. Anne's, Byculla, to-morrow at 6 p.m., in aid of the funds of the Byculla Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

POSTAL NOTICE.—Mails for Lamu, Mombassa, Ibo, Chindi, Dar-es-Salaam, Zanzibar Tanga, Quilimane, Mozambique Beira, and Delagoa Bay per s. s. "Bundesrath" will be closed at the General Post Office at 3 p. m. on Monday the 21st inst. Specially superscribed correspondence for Natal, Cape Colony and other places in South Africa will also be forwarded by this steamer.

B. V. A. DANCE.—The Conversazione and dance organized in connection with No. 2 Company, Bombay Volunteer Artillery, took place at its head quarters Nesbit Lane, Mazagon, last night, and proved to be a success. The hall was prettily decorated for the occasion with flags and bunting and brilliantly illuminated with Kitson light. The floor was covered with white canvas, while a piece of artillery covered with the Union Jack formed an excellent background. The attendance was large and the dancing commenced at 9 o'clock.

THEFTS OF SERVANTS' CLOTHES.—At the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday morning before Mr. Kersondas Chabildas, Third Presidency Magistrate, Inspector Jones charged one Narayen Marooti alias Mahommed Ebrahim a Hindu lad of 22 years with the theft of servants' clothes belonging to different European gentlemen in the Fort. It appeared that on different occasions the accused went to several places and during the absence of the complainants made off with their clothes. The accused continued this malpractice for about two months and pledged the booty with different "Marwaries, for very small sums of money. Suspicion led to his arrest and he pleaded guilty to all the charges against him. He was sentenced in the aggregate to one year's hard labour.

SUICIDE OF A PARSI.—At Foras Road, yesterday, Mr. P. Byrne, Coroner for Bombay, conducted an inquest relative to the death of Shapurji Sorabji, a Parsi, lately employed as a driver on the G. I. P. Railway. The evidence showed that the deceased was dismissed from service some months ago, prosecuted and convicted of defalcations and sentenced to a term of imprisonment. He came out of jail in July last and applied for provident fund money. He got Rs. 900 less than he had expected and was in consequence much disappointed. He often said he was tired of life and threatened to destroy himself. On Wednesday evening, Shapurji was found suffering from the effect of some irritant poison and a doctor was sent for. He admitted before the doctor that he had taken "rough on rats" and half a tola of opium. He died the next day. The jury returned a verdict of suicide.

POLICEMAN'S HIGH HANDED CONDUCT.—At the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, Mr. P. H. Dastur disposed of a case in which Hanmanta, a policeman attached to G. Division of the Bombay Police, was charged with assaulting one Vithoba Narayan, a cart driver. It appears that on the 20th October last, the complainant and eleven other cart drivers were prosecuted for driving without light and licence and fined Rs. 3 each. As the complainant had failed to pay the fine, a distress warrant was issued against him. The accused went to execute the warrant, when the complainant paid the, fine and asked for a receipt. The accused declined to give a receipt and pushed the complainant. It further appeared that the accused was not at the time completely in his uniform and that he did not show the warrant to the complainant. The Magistrate held the charge proved and in passing sentence remarked that the policeman acted in a high handed manner and ordered him to pay a fine of Rs. 7.

NOTES FROM SECUNDERABAD.—A correspondent writes :—Before leaving Secunderabad, the high priest of the Deccan, Shums-ul-Ulma Khan Bahadur Dastur Hoshung Jamasp was presented with an address by the residents of Secunderabad and Hyderabad. The place chosen for this meeting was the Pherozebai Hall in the Sappers' Lines. Dastur accompanied by his brother entered it amidst the cheers of the assembly. The chair was taken by Mr. Eduljee Shapurjee Chinoy, the leader of the Parsi community. The address was engrossed on vellum, and put in a handsome silver casket. It was read by Mr. Pestonji Master, and contained a short account of the career of the high priest. The Dastur replied briefly, stating that what praise was bestowed on him was not his due. The casket was then presented to him by the chairman amidst the cheers of the assembly. Before leaving the hall, the high priest and the chairman were garlanded.—A very enjoyable concert was given in the People's Hall at Secunderabad on last Saturday evening by Mrs. Marcar's Recreation class on the occasion of its anniversary. There were boys and girls, who acquitted themselves creditably in recitation and singing. Prizes were distributed, and the meeting dispersed after "God save the King" was sung.

ASSAULT BY A MUNICIPAL INSPECTOR.—At the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, Mr. P. H. Dastur, Second Presidency Magistrate, disposed of a case in which J. Long, a Municipal Inspector of the Health Department stood charged with assaulting Imamali Peerbux, a Municipal sweeper, on the 20th October last. Mr. H. J. Dalal, pleader, appeared for the complainant, while Mr. Craig, pleader defended the accused. The evidence showed that the complainant who had been a Municipal sweeper for the last twenty-four years, left the service about a month ago. On the 20th October he went to the Municipal ward office at Dadar to receive his pay, when the accused gave him a push stopped him from entering the office and made him over to the police for behaving in a disorderly manner. The complainant was charged before a Bench of Honorary Presidency Magistrates at Dadar and was acquitted. The complainant then charged the accused with the present offence. The Magistrate in disposing of the case observed that the complainant had gone to the Municipal office for a legitimate purpose and the accused had no right to take the law in his own hand. If the complainant had behaved in a disorderly manner the accused should have given him in the charge of a Municipal ramosee and the latter would have reported the matter to the Municipal Commissioner and got the man prosecuted for disorderly behaviour. The accused, his Worship remarked, had acted in a high handed manner and ordered him to pay a fine of Rs. 15.

THE WEATHER.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SIMLA, NOVEMBER 18.

Friday.—Pressure has risen slightly to briskly in Burma, North-East India, and the Punjab but has fallen slightly to Briskly in further Kashmir. Skies have cleared in Baluchistan, they are still cloudy in Persia and parts of North-West India. Practically no rain has fallen except in Khushab and Negapatam, which report falls of about half an inch. A very light shower has fallen at Quetta and another at Teheran. The mean temperature of the past day was in moderate to large excess in Baluchistan and the North-West Frontier, and in considerable defect in the Central Provinces and the adjacent districts. The lowest temperature recorded last night, was 12 degrees at Dras. Weather is disturbed in Persia, and to a very slight extent in North-West India. No rain of importance is likely in the Indian region during the next 24 hours. Possibly few light scattered falls may occur in North-West India, Burma and the South Peninsula.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M. ON FRIDAY, THE 18TH NOVEMBER.

SUMMARY.

Pressure has changed irregularly and by small amounts over the whole area. The barometer is in large excess of normal everywhere.

Winds are cyclonic on the Coromandel Coast while they are very variable in direction elsewhere. The force has been fresh at Negapatam and generally light elsewhere.

Temperature.—The greatest variations are :—Maximum 5° to 7° in defect in the United Provinces and at Sirsa, Delhi and Jaipur, and minimum 5° to 7° in excess at Poona, Malegaon, Bhuj, Lahore, Jacobabad, Ajmer and Sirsa, and 6° in defect at Raipur. The highest temperature in the shade was 93° at Surat and the lowest 48° at Jubbulpore.

Cloud and Humidity.—The sky is cloudy to overcast at Masulipatam, Bellary, Malegaon and Ajmer.

Rain.—Negapatam reports a fall of half an inch and Colombo a slight drizzle.

Weather appears to be only slightly unsettled off the Coromandel Coast in the Bay.

N. LESLIE,
Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS,

GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY, COLABA.

Bombay, 17th November 1904.

Means of observations taken at 6 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m., and 10 p.m.

Barometer corrected 32 dex. Fah. ....inches	29·996
Temperature of the air ....degrees	81·8
Wet Bulb Thermometer	72·5
Dew Point	68·3
Relative humidity of Air	0·611
Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky clouded -10)	0·1
Maximum temperature of air (read at 8 a.m.) next day ....degrees	83·4
Minimum do. do. (read at 8 a.m.)	76·6
General-Direction of Wind.* ..... E, ENE, WNW, NNW.	
Movement of Wind in 24 hours' miles*	169

* From midnight to midnight.

N. A. F. MOOS,
Director Government Observatory.

THERMOMETER READINGS.

THURSDAY NIGHT.—NOVEMBER 17.

10 p.m.	80·2

FRIDAY.—NOVEMBER 18.

6 p.m.	76·3
10 a.m.	81·4
2 p.m.	85·4
4 p.m.	84·0

DIVINE SERVICE.

ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL.
XXV SUNDAY, AFTER TRINITY, NOV. 20.

7-30 a.m.—Matins.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion—Choral Smart in F.
Hymns—309, 175, 309 and 461.
5 p.m.—Children's Service.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.
Canticles—Stanford in B Flat.
Hymns—165, 166 and 27.
Collections for Church Expenses.
Daily Matins at 6-45 a.m. and Evensong at 5.
Daily Holy Communion at 7-15 a.m.

CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, PAREL.
(Madras Time)
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
6-30 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon by the Rev. J. Davis of the C.M.S.
Hymns—202, 137 and 19.

WESLEYAN CHURCH.
(Colaba Causeway.)
8 a.m.—Parade Service Preacher—Rev. C. Ryder Smith B.A.
6 p.m.—Evening Service. Preacher—Rev A G Revnell.
4-30 p.m.—Sunday School.
8-10 p.m.—Prayer Meeting.
8-30 to 9-30 p.m.—Social Hour.
(Wesleyan Church, Victoria Gardens, Byculla.
9-30 a.m.—Preacher—Rev. A. G. Revnell.
6 p.m.—Preacher—
4-30 p.m.—Sunday School—Rev. C. Ryder Smith B.A.

MISSION CHURCH, GIRGAUM.
7-45 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon.
6 p.m.—Evening Prayer Holy Communion and Sermon.
Collections for the Church Expenses and Poor.

ST. PETERS MAZAGON.
6 a. m.—Holy Eucharist.
7 a. m.—Holy Eucharist—Choral Preacher. Rev. Father Biscoe.
10 a. m.—Catechism.
10-45 a.m.—Matins.
6 p. m.—Evensong—(Choral) Preacher. Rev Father Nicholson.
Alms for Church Expenses.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, MALABAR HILL.
6 p. m.—Evensong and Sermon.

ST. NICHOLAS' SEAMEN'S CHURCH.
(Opposite the Main Gate of Prince's Dock.)
10-30 a. m.—Matins and Sermon.
6-30 p. m.—Evensong and Sermon.
7 p. m.—Wednesdays Evensong and Sermon.
Oliver W. E. Grant Harbour Chaplain.

BAPTIST CHURCH.
(Bellasis Road, opposite Byculla Club.)
8-30 a. m.—Morning Service—Preacher Rev J O'Brien.
6 p.m.—Evening Service—Preacher Rev J O'Brien.

THE UNITED FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.
(Wandby Road.)
8 a m—Sunday School.
11 a. m.—United Service (in St Andrew's Church.
6 p.m.—Evening Service—Rev Alex S. Crichton.
Hymns—566, 170 and 617.
Psalm—34.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.
(Church of Scotland.)
11 a.m.—Joint Morning Service.
6 p. m.—Evening Service.
Psalm—33 Tune 135.
Hymn—95.
Hymn—175.
Hymn—231.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH.
7-30 a.m.—Matins.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
Hymns—34, 320 and 193.
5 p.m., Children's Service.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.
Hymns—225, 22 and 16.
Offertories for S. P. G.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, COLABA.
(Afghan Memorial Church.)
8 a.m.—Celebration of the Holy Communion.
7 a.m.—Parade Service.
5 p.m.—Sunday School.
6 p.m.—Evensong, Choral and Sermon.
Offertories—during the day for Church Expenses.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a. m., yesterday, give the following results :—

Wards.	Plague Attack.	Plague Deaths.	Deaths from al Causes
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade ...	1	0	7
B Mandvi, Chukla, Oomerkhadi and Dongri ...	2	2	21
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Fanaswady, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao, and Kumbharwada ...	2	1	22
D Khetwadi, Girgaum, Chowpati, Walkeshwar, and Mahaluxmi ...	0	0	8
E Mazagon, Tarwady, 2nd Nagapada, Kamatipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagapada ...	2	2	23
F Parel, Sewree and Sion ...	1	0	4
G Mahim and Worli ...	0	0	7
Water Division ...	0	0	0
Non-Resident and Unknown ...	0	0	0
Hospitals ...	0	1	11
Total ...	8	6	103
Total plague deaths to date...	277,5'37	229,488	
Same date last year ...	5	8	73

A PROPOSAL has been made to pave London streets with rubber, and so avoid the constant repairs, and make the traffic practically silent. It is estimated that the initial cost would be £3 per square yard, which would amount to a total that would frighten most of the public authorities. The cement paving at Broad Street Station, Philadelphia, had to be renewed every two years, but the rubber pavement laid down ten years ago is still good.

DOES WET WEATHER MAKE YOU WRETCHED, IRRITABLE AND RHEUMATIC?

36, Devonshire Terrace,
East Street, Seaford, Sussex, England.
"February 23rd, 1903

"Gentlemen,—I never expected for a moment when I began using your Doan's Backache Kidney Pills that they would actually cure the lumbago and sciatica from which I suffered for twelve months. But I have not had any sign of these troubles since I finished the last box of Doan's medicine, and I am so grateful that I feel I must write and tell you of my cure.

"My illness was, I believe, caused by a chill which I caught while out in a storm on a bitterly cold day. There was a biting east wind blowing, and I felt frozen. I could not sleep when I got to bed that night and during the few following days my health seemed breaking up; there was a cruel, distressing pain in my back, and it caught me so sharply when I bent that I was afraid to move. My appetite was spoilt I felt irritable and depressed.

"Before many days had gone by I was suffering all the agonies of lumbago and sciatica. So severe were the pains in my back that I was almost beside myself. The doctor told me I must keep to my bed, and for several weeks I lay there on my back, and dared not turn from side to side.

"My illness was at its height at the time I began using Doan's Backache Kidney Pills but to my delight they relieved me from the first; my back got stronger every day, and at last I was able to get up and go to my work again.

"I am now enjoying first-rate health, every sign of my old complaint being gone. I would like to have my letter published, if you think it would be the means of others finding relief. Believe me to be, Yours gratefully, ALFRED CLARKE."

That Mr. Clarke's cure has proved lasting is shown by another letter, received from him eight months later :—

"October 8th, 1903.

"Gentlemen,—Although the weather has been so fearful here since I wrote to you last—it has scarcely stopped raining all the time—I haven't had the slightest sign of my old kidney complaint returning I have been out and about every day, but no matter how soaking wet I have got, the backache has not returned, and I have enjoyed good health all along I am writing you this second letter because you cannot fail to be interested in my cure having withstood such a test.

"Yours gratefully,
"ALFRED CLARKE."

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

LONDON, Nov. 17

The Bombay mails, of the 5th inst., arrived a Brindisi, to-day.

SECURITIES—		
2 3-4 per cent. Consols	£88	— 1-4
3 do. Rentes	£98 1-4	— 1-4
3 1-2 do. Indian Sterling Loan	£105 1-2	— 1-4
3 1-2 per cent. Indian Enfaced Rupee Paper	£65 3-8	unchanged
SILVER—		
Spot in London	26 7-8	+ 1-16
2 months hence	26 3-8	+ 1-16
Spot in New York	58 1-4	+ 1-8
EXCHANGES—		
Paris cheques	25'13	— 1-2
Berlin	20'36 1-2	unchanged
New York Demand	4'86 3-4	do
DISCOUNTS—		
Bank of England	3 per cent	do
2 months' sight Bank Bills	3 per cent	do
3 " "	3 1-3 per cent	do
3 " " Fine Trade Bills	3 1-4 per cent	do
6 months' sight Fine Trade Bills	3 5-8 per cent	do
INTEREST—		
Day to day loans	2 per cent	+ 1-4
7 day market loans	2 3-8 per cent	unchanged

Amount withdrawn from the Bank of England about £600,000 for South America.

Extra Council Bills allotments Bills on Madras Rs. 10,000 at 1s. 4 1-8d.

FREIGHT—
Coals—Cardiff to Bombay 6-3d. done.

SUGAR—
German granulated 1st marks 15 11-16 O.-N. easier.

METALS—
Copper Braziers £74
Yellow metal 6 3-4d.

RUBBER—
Para Rubber 5 3 sellers

WHEAT—
White Delhi 32 7-8 D.-J. sellers } easier
White Karachi 29 3-4 N.-D. sellers
Red Karachi 29 1-4 N.-D. sellers

RAPESEED—
Yellow Cawnpore 33 1-2 D.-J. done } firm
Brown 31 1-4 N.-D. sellers

COFFEE—
Santos in New York, 8 7-16

In Liverpool—Cotton Market closed quiet Surats quiet, Manchester firm. Total sales 7,000. Spot 5'40-4 Egyptian F. G. F. Brown 8 1-4. Sold on speculation and for Export 500. Imports 19,000 Arrivals closed steady.

Nov.-Dec.	Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb.
5'28	5'28	5'30
—5	—5	—5
Feb.-Mar.	Mar.-April	April.-May.
5'32	5'33	5'35
—5	—5	—5
May-June.	June-July	July.-Aug.
5'36	5'37	5'37
—5	—4	—4

Receipts at U S Ports	56,000
Do. last year	51,000
Exports to Great Britain	1,000
Do. do Continent	22,000
In New York—	
Spot	10'05 —10
Futures, month of December	9'61 —16
Do. do. March	9'82 —15
In New Orleans—	
Spot	9 5-8 — 1-8
Futures, month of Feb.	9'85 — 12
Do. do. May	9'90 — 12
Tone at close	steady.

Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay, for the 24 hours ending at 6 p. m., on Thursday, 17th November, 1904 :—

Cotton	4,719	bales.
Wheat	16,925	cwts.
Linseed	3,634	"
Rape, Rai and Mustard	2,657	"
Gingellyseed	9,472	"
Poppyseed	108	"
Groundnuts	570	"
Castorseed	1,111	"
Rice	2,273	"
Myrabollams	211	"
Cottonseed	6,174	"
Mowraseed	427	"
Gram	612	"
Joowar	1,013	"
Maize	10	"

BOMBAY, FRIDAY, Nov. 18.

SOME slight showers were reported in the United Provinces and parts of Rajputana in the early part of the week, which may cause a little delay in the forwarding of cotton to market, but will be advantageous to the Rabi crop. Arrivals of cotton in Bombay and also in the Oomra districts, are increasing, and the quality of the latter is showing some improvement on the first receipts. The market is somewhat unsettled. Strong endeavours are made to raise rates, but with the large crops in view and the limited inquiry from Europe, there seems little prospect of any permanent improvement in this respect.

The large increase of seventy lakhs to the Bank of Bombay, weekly cash balance caused a slightly easier tone in the money market, and sterling exchange showed a quieter tendency. But there is still a large demand for money for up-country stations to meet the increasing supplies of cotton. Rupee Paper has moved up about six annas and closes steady.

COTTON.

Receipts at the U. S. ports show some falling off compared with the same week last year, which was the highest for the whole season at 448,000 Bales, but total arrivals to date are some 500,000 Bales, over last year. Reports from Manchester continue to show a large demand for manufactured goods, with firm markets, and manufacturers are said to be unable to supply the inquiry except for distant dates of shipment. Shipments of cotton on a heavy scale are being made to Great Britain and the Continent, and stocks in Europe are increasing. But it is evident that a very heavy crop is being marketed in America, and there are no signs of the demand overtaking supplies. The tone of the markets throughout the week has been quiet, but steady, and the fluctuations in prices reported are slight. It is quite possible that cotton is being held back to try and raise rates, though in face of the large crop in prospect, notwithstanding the good enquiry, Bulls will have some difficulty in succeeding in doing this.

The following are the daily closing quotations for spot middling Americans in Liverpool and New York since our last mail report :—

	Liverpool.	New York.
Nov. 11th	5'42	10'25
" 12th	5'42	10'25
" 14th	5'40	10'25
" 15th	5'44	10'25
" 16th	5'44	10'15
" 17th	5'40	10'05

The following are the daily closing quotations for futures, Liverpool, December-January and New York, December.

	Liverpool.	New York
Nov. 11th	5'31	9'85
" 12th	5'33	9'85
" 14th	5'35	9'88
" 15th	5'39	9'88
" 16th	5'33	9'77
" 17th	5'28	9'61

In the local market the tone has been steady throughout the week. There has been a fair demand from Japan shippers for prompt shipment and local mills have also been good buyers. In the Sutta bazaar the covering of former sales has also tended to keep prices stiff and a moderately large turnover is reported. The enquiry from shippers for Europe is still on a very small scale, as prices are too high, compared with Americans, for those markets. Reports from up-country are satisfactory and a bumper crop is expected in the Berars, Central Provinces and Bengal districts. From Guzerat and Kathiawar official reports state that cotton plants are flourishing and showing bolls rapidly opening and from Broach we hear that picking is general and arriving in small quantities. It is very early in the season to get this new, and it probably means a deterioration in staple and quality as the crop has come too quickly to maturity. Everything points to heavy arrivals of cotton in Bombay, in December and January and that our supplies will quickly overtake the [illegible] is at current prices for Surats.

COTTON STATISTICS.

Receipts for the week	[illegible]
Receipts from 1st Oct to 17th Nov.	[illegible]
Shipments for week to Europe	3,0[illegible]
Do. China, Japan, and Coast Ports	1,476
Total	4,521

Total Shipments from 1st Oct. to 16th Nov.

Europe	4,850
Japan	18,947
China	1,916
Coast ports	351
Total	26,064

Afloat in Harbour for Europe ...	165
China, Japan, and Coast Ports ...	4,083

LIVERPOOL OPENING TELEGRAM.

Tone—		easier.
Estimated sales	bales	8,000
Imports	do.	19,000

Nov.-Dec.	Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb
5'24	5'24	5'25
—4	—4	—4
Feb.-Mch.	Mch-Apl.	Apl.-May.
5'28	5'29	5'31
—4	—4	—4
May-June	June-July	July-Aug.
5'32	5'33	5'31
—4	—4	—4

Official quotations of the Bombay Cotton Trade Association, Limited :—

Growths	Fine	F.-G.	Gd.	Daly.
Bengal (H.-G.) (Ry.terms) ...	200	190	...	25 D c.
Bengals (H.-G.) (Ry.terms) ...	197	187	...	25 Jan
Oomrawatee (descriptions) M.-G.	217	...	...	25 do.
Khandeish (M.-G.) ...	...	212	206	25 Dec.
Do. do. ...	...	208	202	25 Jan.
Khangaum fair staple (H-G) Karanja do. do. do. Akola do. do. do.	219	...	...	25 do.
Dhamangaum Poolgaum (MG)	221	...	...	25 do.
Nagpur Kamptee (M.-G.) ...	223	...	...	25 do.
Broach (M.-G.) ...	251	...	...	1/25 Mar.
Do. (M.-G.) ...	...	...	241	15/25 do.
Jalgaon (M. G.) ...	...	214	208	25 Dec.
Do. (M.-G.) ...	...	211	205	25 Jan.
Bengal (M. G.) ...	207	197	...	25 Nov
Do. ...	202	192	...	25 Dec.
Do. ...	202	192	...	25 Jan
Sind-Punjab ...	207	197	...	25 Nov
Do. ...	202	192	...	25 Dec
Do. ...	202	192	...	25 Jan.

SEEDS AND WHEAT.

LINSEED.—The market firmed up during the week as stuff was evidently wanted for prompt shipment. Prices advanced to Rs. 5-13, but little business was done at this rate, and the average price at the close may be called Rs. 5-12. Stocks are still abundant and arrivals also keep on a fair scale, Sutna is quoted at Rs. 5-11, and small grain at Rs. 5-10 to Rs. 5-10-6 New crop bold brown Linseed, May 1905, is quoted Rs. 6-6-6 Rail delivery.

RAPESEED.—Prices keep steady as arrivals are small, and in spite of fairly large stock, dealers are not inclined to part with their holdings at lower prices as they consider rates are low enough. For Brown Cawnpore Rs. 4-14 to Rs. 4-15 was paid, Etawah, Allahabad and Delhi fetch up to Rs. 5 and Kosi Rs. 5-1 to Rs. 5-2. Yellow Cawnpore was reported sold at from Rs. 5-5 to Rs. 5-7 according to quality.

CASTORSEED was a little firmer again during the week with Rs. 23 reported paid, but Rs. 22-8 and even Rs. 22 might be feasible.

POPPYSEED is keeping steady at Rs. 5-6 to 5-7, at which rate business is reported. Stocks are still, relatively, fairly important, and are stopping a rise although at the same time demand is very slack.

GINGELLYSEED.—The new crop is slowly arriving in larger quantities, but is considerably behind last year. The quality is about the same as last season, but unfortunately a good deal of rain-damaged seed is found. Prices kept steady throughout the week; if anything they are slightly lower. This is probably owing to the competition of Poppy seed, which in most instances can replace gingellyseed, if obtainable at a relatively cheaper rate. Prices are about Rs. 35 to Rs. 35 1/2 for Howree, although Rs. 36 to Rs. 37 is asked for fancy lots, and about Rs 34 1/2 to Rs. 35 for Kabra 15 per cent. ready and forward.

WHEAT.—This market was firm early in the week, with some business passing on exporters' account, but the tone the last two days has been quieter in sympathy with home advices. Sellers for the present, are holding out and there is nothing doing to speak of. We quote White Delhi Rs. 4-3-6 and White Hattras Rs. 4-2-6.

Week's Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay :—

Cotton	30,830	bales
Wheat	121,836	cwts
Linseed	22,521	"
Rape, Rai and Mustard	6,010	"
Gingellyseed	33,297	"
Poppyseed	702	"
Groundnuts	818	"
Castorseed	5,333	"
Rice	20,371	"
Myrabollams	1,135	"
Cottonseed	25,470	"
Mowraseed	1,769	"
Gram	5,634	"
Joowar	6,624	"
Maize	1,709	"

SEEDS—	Rs. a. p.
Linseed —Tone quiet.	
Ready	5 13 0 to 5 12
Rapeseed.—Tone steady.	
Brown Cawnpore. Ready.	4 15 0
Yellow Cawnpore, Ready.	5 6 0
Poppyseed.—Tone quiet.	
Ready	5 6 0 to 5 7 0
Castorseed—Tone quiet.	
Ready	Rs. 22 to 22 1-2
GINGELLYSEED.—Tone quiet	
Howree Khandeish	Rs. 35 1-2 to 36.
15 per cent Mixed	Rs. 34 1-2 to 35 Dec-Jan.
25 per cent Mixed	Rs. 34 to 34 1-4 Dec-Jan.
50 per cent Mixed	Rs. 33 1-4 to 33 1-2 Dec-Jan

FREIGHT.

The market was quieter this week with a moderate business passing. A line for Hull December shipment was booked at 16s. 6d. and to Antwerp November shipment at 16s. to 16s. 3d. seeds only. For the new year 15s. 6d. was paid for one named port. Sellers quote November, 16s. 6d. to 18s. according to port required, December p. p. 16s. to 16s. 3d. and January to May p. p. 15s. 6d. to 15s. 9d.

The following fixtures are reported :—

S. S. Annie Nov.-Dec. loading 1 p. p. at 17s.
S. S. Frank Coverdale Dec. loading nett 16s. 1 1-2d.
S. S. Brentwood Dec. loading 1 p. p. 16s. 6d.
S. S. Boxgrove Dec. loading 1 p. p. 16s. 6d.
S. S. Dulverton Dec. loading 1 p. p. 16s. 6d.

MONEY.

BANK RATE.—

Bank of England since	21st April	3 per cent	
Bank of Bombay do	20th October	5	do
Bank of Bengal do	10th November	6	do
Bank of Madras do	6th July	4	do

The following is the Weekly Statement of the Bank of Bombay for the week ending 12th November as compared with that of the previous week.

	Rs.	
LIABILITIES.		
Public Deposits	13,10,970	Increase
Other Deposits	81,31,797	do
Sundries	53,959	do
ASSETS.		
Government Securities	2,85,985	do
Other Authorized Securities ...	1,572	Decrease
Credits on Securities	5,71,939	do
Loans, do.	7,21,138	Increase
Bills discounted & purchased ...	15,49,310	do
Balance with other Banks ...	63,529	Decrease
Sundries	13,658	Increase
Cash	75,63,477	do

These figures show a decline of about 64 lakhs in the Trade demand.

The Bank of Bengal weekly cash balance is 29 lakhs down and that of the Bank of Madras 15 lakhs up. The tone of the Money market is slightly easier, owing to large supplies coming to hand, but the demand is still increasing, and no change has been made during the week in the Official rates of the three Presidency Banks. For short fixed deposits there is a good enquiry at 3 1/2 to 4 per cent. per annum.

PAPER CURRENCY RESERVE.

The following are the latest returns as published in the "Gazette of India" for the 7th November.

Silver coin	Rs. 12,26,41,931
Gold coin and bullion	Rs. 16,06,80,384
Silver held as security	1,33,67,264
Total of notes in circulation, Rs. 39,60,92,525.	

COUNCIL BILLS.

The heavy allotment of Council Bills has caused a reaction in the rates obtained. The total amount sold during the week ending on Thursday evening was 91'50 lakhs. At the weekly allotment on Wednesday one crore and twenty lakhs was put up for tender, of which amount 57'80 lakhs was allotted in bills at 1s. 4 1/16d. and 62'20 lakhs in telegraphic transfers at 1s. 4 3/32d. tenderers at these rates receiving 13 per cent. The average rate of allottment of the T. T's. is given at 16'10, and it is reported a fair amount was taken up at 1s. 4 1/8d. For next week the amount advertised for allotment is One Crore. Last week's allotment was taken up at 1s. 4 3/32d. and 1s. 4 1/8d. respectively for Bills and transfers.

A small extra allotment of Rs. 10,000 in Bills at 1s. 4 1/8d. is reported this morning.

The mail of the 4th November brings £150,000 ~~silver and~~ £60,000 gold, for Bombay and the following Council Bills :—

Calcutta	Rs. 48,20,000
Bombay	" 35,70,000
Madras	" 3,20,000
Total...	Rs. 87,10,000.

The mail of the 11th November brings £130,000 silver, and £50,000 gold, for Bombay, and the following Council Bills :—

Calcutta	Rs. 24,40,000
Bombay	" 14,80,000
Madras	" 20,000
Total...	Rs. 39,20,000

This steamer also brings for Calcutta £130,000 silver and £10,000 gold.

The mail of the 18th November brings £80,000 silver and £50,000 gold, for Bombay, and the following Council Bills :—

Calcutta	Rs. 24,30,000
Bombay	" 24,30,000
Madras	" 8,30,000
Total...	Rs. 57,90,000

The large advance [illegible] cash balance [illegible] Wednesday last, [illegible] of Council Bills at [illegible] easier tone in the Sterling Exchange market [illegible] both buying and selling rates have declined since our last mail report. In Mercantile paper 3 months' sight D.-A., credits can be placed at 1s. 4 9/32d. for probably one month's delivery and at 1s. 4 5/16d. for January-February of next year In Bank paper the general quotations have been reduced to 1s. 4 1/16d. T. T. and 1s. 4 3/32d. Demand for November, but 1s. 4 3/32d. T. T. has generally been [illegible] for cash, and the same rate is quoted for available [illegible] February with 1s. 4 1/8d. for Demand [illegible] 30th December. We have heard December to F[illegible] in the market either for [illegible] from the mail of [illegible] in Bills or for remittance. [illegible] of little business passing [illegible] 1-16d to 3-32d. ready or forward delivery [illegible] 32d to 1-8d. [illegible]

Exchange—Tone firmer.				
Bank T.T.				1s. 4 3-[illegible]
Bank Demand				1s. 4 3-[illegible]
Credit Bills 6 Months' sight D. A.				1s. 4 9-3[illegible]
Do	6	do	do	1s. 4 13-32d.
French Francs	3	do	do	... 170 3-4
Marks	3	do	do	... 1'8 1-4 to 1-2
Hongkong	80	Days' Sight		... 136
Shanghai	80	do	do	... 192
Japan	80	do	do	... 148

GOVERNMENT PAPER.

The easier feeling in the money market has caused a steadier tone in 3 1/2 per cent Rupee paper and the market has firmed up since our last mail report. The market opened at Rs. 97-2as. for cash and 30th November delivery and has gradually improved until at the close the quotation is Rs. 97-8. A fairly large business was put through in the bazaar, the bears covering previous sales. There is no change in the prices of Local Corporation Bonds.

3 1-2 per cent. cash	Rs. 97-8
3 1-2 per cent. 30th November	Rs. 97-8
3 per cent. ready	Rs. 86-8

	Repayable.	Rate.
4 per cent Bombay Port Trust	... 1923	104 12
4 per cent " "	... 1930	105 0
4 per cent " "	... 1932	105 0
4 per cent " "	... 1964	105 0
4 per cent Bombay Municipal	... 1934	104 12
4 per cent " "	... 1943	104 12
6 per cent " "	... Tansa	116 117
5 per cent " "	... Sanitary	115 116
4 per cent Bo. Impt. Trust	... 1959	103 12
4 per cent " "	... 1964	108 12

BULLION.

The silver market is firm for near delivery and steady for shipment. The difference between ready and forward is about 14 annas owing to small stocks. We close steady as quoted below.

	Rs. a. p.
English Bar Gold	23 15 0
Australian Bar Gold	23 15 0
Bombay do	24 0 0
English Shield Sovereigns	15 2 0
Do. Dragons	15 0 0
Silver ex-duty Ready	69 4 0
Do, 1st settlement	69 3 0
Do. 2nd do.	68 2 0

PIECE GOODS.

The market is quieter with prices for the most part unchanged. Forward business is conspicuous by its absence, owing to the distant deliveries offered from home.

LOCAL YARNS.

Sales for the week amount to about 7,000 bales, the demand running chiefly on 10's, though there is at the close a little more enquiry for 20's, Prices are :—

10's.	5 15-16 to 6 1-2.
16's.	6 1-2 to 6 3-4.
20's.	6 3-4 to 7 13-16.

METALS.

In Copper and Yellow Metal prices at home have advanced. The local demand is very poor and stocks are increasing. All these factors prevent dealers doing any business either ready or forward. Iron and Steel are quiet but steady In forward business, however there is little doing. Spelter is steady at an advance. Quicksilver declining with little demand.

COALS.

In Cardiff descriptions a line is reported sold at Rs 15 [illegible] ecember. In Bengal, Deshergur is said to have been sold forward at Rs. 11-4, and sales of Jardine's Navigation are reported at Rs 10 and Raneegunge and Toposi at Rs 9.

SHARES.

The market is steady. Bank of Bombay shares have improved to Rs. 1,295. In Railway Companies, Tapti Valleys are unchanged at Rs. 380. Ahmedabad Prantij steady at Rs. 505. In Mill shares Central Indias are quiet at Rs. 1,530. Swadeshis have advanced to Rs. 915 Chinas are steady at Rs 535, Currimbhai at Rs. 665. City of Bombay Mill shares have advanced to Rs. 900 Connaughts have changed hands at Rs. 350, James Greaves as Rs. 250, Colaba Lands Mill shares have improved to Rs 445, Davids are steady at Rs. 235. Framji Petits are unchanged at Rs. 770, Hindustans at Rs 395, Indian Manufacturing Company shares at Rs. 450. Western Indias have changed hands at Rs. 295, Kohinoors are steady at Rs. 380, Howard and Bulloughs have changed hands at Rs. 350, Jamsheds at Rs. 72 1/2. Manekji Petits have ruled at and about Rs. 2,100. Morarjis are steady at Rs 1,830 Sholahpurs are unchanged at Rs. 1,880. Southern Marathas have advanced to Rs. 147 1/2. Standards are unchanged at Rs. 460, Queen Mill shares are steady at Rs. 545, in Press shares, Mofussils are unchanged at Rs. 540 C. D. New Berars at Rs. 49, Indian at Rs. 143 3/4. In miscellenous list Alcocks are unchanged at Rs. 280, and Bombay Burmahs at Rs. 8,000. Treachers have changed hands at Rs. 505 to 510. Bombay Telephones are unchanged at Rs. 26. Port Canning's have improved to Rs. 435. Bombay Flours have changed hands at Rs. 825. The rest are unchanged at previous quotations.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, Nov. 17.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed	quiet
Surats	quiet
Good Bhownuggar	—
The Manchester Market has been	firm
2 1-2 per cent Consols	88
3 per cent Rentes	98 1-4
3 1-2 per cent Sterling Loan	105 1-2
3 1-2 per cent Rupee Papers	65 3-8
Bar Silver	26 7-8

The sum of about £600,000 has been withdrawn from the Bank of England, for South America.

The Bank of England returns for the week ending yesterday show the following results :—
Total Bullion, £33,460,000 Decrease £400,000
Public Deposits, £7,20,0 0 Increase £400,000
Other Deposits, £39,400,000 Decrease £2,400,000
Govt Securities, £15,6 0,000 Increase £4,000,000
Other Securities, £24,7 0,000 Decrease £7,00,000
Notes and Gold, £24,200,000 Decrease £100,000
The Banks Reserve is 52 per cent of the Liabilities

M. L. VOSSION'S REPORT.

THE export of cotton seed from Bombay which, four years ago, amounted in value to about £3,000, or Rs. 50,000, and which not so long ago, did not even exist, totalled in 1903 to over £650,000 or one hundred lakhs of rupees—double the export of the year before. This seed, remarks in his Report M. L. Vossion, Consul for France in Bombay, is beginning to take the place of linseed in the industries which formerly depended on the latter. This fact may explain why England absorbed 92 per cent. of the cotton seed sent from Bombay, 5 per cent. only going to France and three to Belgium. The enormous increase in the export of this commodity, writes the Consul, proves that the supply is not equal to the demand : old markets not being able to meet it, India has been called upon to furnish the additional quantity required. Prices have consequently risen. Cotton seed oil has in fact many uses and is employed largely in adulteration. M. Vossion is justly surprised that oil presses have not been erected in India, for, oil being less bulky than the seed, could be exported with profit. The oil-cake and residue would find a market on the spot as fertilisers, which should prove of considerable benefit to the cultivator, all experts agreeing that however fertile India may be, it is necessary to return to the impoverished soil some of the constituent elements of which it is annually deprived by this colossal and ever-increasing export of oil-seeds The greater part of the cotton seed exported goes to Hull.

Bombay linseed is very fine and is quoted at higher prices in Marseilles than the "Plata" kind. On the other hand the black and yellow Colza seed are less valued than the "Danube" sort. The white or marbled, large sesamum seed is cheaper in European markets than the Chinese "Jaffa." M. Vossion is of opinion that a slight import duty not on all oleaginous seeds, but on those which can be made to compete with the oil-seeds cultivated in France, should be imposed by the French Government and he holds that the report he makes on Indian export of Cotton-seed proves the advisability of imposing a tax on oil-seeds imported.

With regard to the introduction of a preferential tariff for India, M. Vossion after due consideration, believes it would be a mistake for the following reasons :—In round numbers, it may be said that England sells to the port of Bombay three-quarters of all that is sent from Europe, and buys scarcely one-fourth of what the port of Bombay sends by the Suez Canal to European Ports. No fiscal arguments could prevail against these figures. They represent an arrangement which the India Council would but wish to see disturbed at any price, and it may be taken for granted that in so far as India is concerned, the proposed financial reform is condemned, except perhaps in regard to Russia, which, alone of all the European countries, sells to Bombay more than she buys, a position, however, which the incredible advance of the Irrawaddy Valley mineral oil will not allow her to hold much longer. No special tariff touching the importations of European countries, other than England is or can ever be possible, without injuring India herself which could not, for the fun of the thing and because of a theory that originated in London, alienate her best customers.

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JUPITER[illegible]

He has puzzled as[illegible] hoped that [illegible] be solved. The favourable [illegible] ever, passed away, and little [illegible] discovered.

Always a brilliant star, Jupiter during [illegible] glowed with exceptional splendour. He [illegible] opposite the earth and at his nearest to the sun [illegible] opposition," as the astronomers say. Only [illegible] in twelve years does he occupy this position, and [illegible] not neglected the chance offered, astronomers [illegible] having minutely observed him.

They had hoped that an explanation of the origin of the huge spot to be seen on the face of the orb would be forthcoming. This "great red spot covers an area of nearly 250 millions of miles but nevertheless occupies only a small portion of Jupiter's [illegible] This will be understood when it is realised [illegible] Jupiter [illegible] thirteen hundred times as large [illegible] The spot revolves independently of [illegible] and at a slightly different rate [illegible] wheels round as the terrific [illegible] an hour, and his day is only [illegible] The reason for this difference [illegible] between the spot and the planet [illegible] astronomers want to know [illegible] the spot. Jupiter [illegible] the earth [illegible] the cooled-down [illegible] planet [illegible] terrestrial part [illegible] speed. Jupiter [illegible] a part of [illegible] of 28,000 miles [illegible] hours in length [illegible] rate of revolution [illegible] is one of the things astronomers [illegible] is also the composition of [illegible] it is believed, has not yet reached [illegible] stage, being between the solar and [illegible] of its development. The spot may be [illegible] planet that has become cool, or, as [illegible] gigantic volcanic formation. If that is [illegible] the difference in revolution would be understandable.

Then astronomers have been asking : Is Jupiter self-luminous? His rays certainly outrival those of nearly all the other planets. It was at one time thought that, like the sun, the solid body of Jupiter was wrapped in a self-luminous envelope. To-day, however, his exceptional brilliance is accounted for by the fact that he reflects back to us considerably more than half the light he receives from the sun. This gives rise to the possibility that if Jupiter ever comes as near the earth as the moon is, artificial light will be almost unnecessary, for he will flood the world at night with his rays.

This "opposition" was also looked forward to in the hope that some more information might be found with regard to Jupiter's belts and satellites. The observer may see two broad bands encircling the immense globe. Under various conditions these belts have been seen to be white, pink, and red, but viewed through a not very powerful glass they are greenish in colour, since the time of Galileo Jupiter's four satellites have been known to exist, but some years ago a fifth was discovered. It is to be hoped that when the observations are summed up the movements of these "moons" may be better understood.

At the Royal Observatory, Greenwich, however, a representative of the "St. James's Budget" was informed that nothing novel had been seen during the "opposition," and that if anything of a sensational character had become known in America the authorities here would have been informed. It will, as we have stated, be 12 years before such a favourable opportunity for observation occurs again for Jupiter occupies a dozen years in his journey round the sun. Its only travels eight miles to the earth's eighteen miles when journeying round his orbit, and it is believed that there is no such thing as seasons on Jupiter.

THE WAX-WORKS SHOW IN THE ABBEY.

A visit to the old wax effigies in the Chapel of Abbot Islip, Westminster Abbey, is described by Mr. Max Beerbohm in the "Pall Mall Magazine."

These figures—kings, princes, duchesses, queens—all are real to me now, he writes, and all are infinitely pathetic, in the dignity of their fallen and forgotten greatness. With what inalienable majesty they wear their rusty velvets and faded silks flaunting sere ruffles of point-lace, which at a touch now would be shivered like cob-webs! My heart goes out to them through the glass that divides us. I wish I could stay with them bear them company, always. I think they like me. I am afraid they will miss me. Perhaps it would be better for us never to have met.

Even Queen Elizabeth, beholding whom as she stands here, gaunt and imperious and appalling, I echo the words spoken by Philip's envoy, "This woman is possessed of a hundred thousand devils—even she herself (though she gazes askance into the air, seems to be conscious of my presence, and to be willing me to stay. It is a relief to meet the friendly bourgeois eye of good Queen Anne. It has restored my common sense. These figures really are most curious, most interesting . . . and anon I am asking intelligent questions about the contents of a big press, which, by very special favour, has been unlocked for me.

Perhaps the most romantic thing in the Islip Chapel is this press. Herein, huddled one against another in dark recesses lie the battered and dejected remains of the earlier effigies—the primitive wooden ones. Edward I and Eleanor are known to be among them, and Henry VII. and Elizabeth of York; and others no less illustrious. Which is which? By size and shape you can distinguish the men from the women; but beyond that is more guesswork, be you never so expert.

Time has been broken and shuffled these erst significant effigies till they have become as unmeaning for us as the bones in one of the old plague-pits. I feel that I ought to be more deeply moved than I am by this sad state of things. But I seem to have exhausted my capacity for sentiment; and I cannot rise to the level of my opportunity. Would that I were Thackeray!

SOME SCOTS STORIES.

Dr. John Gillespie has compiled a volume of anecdotes—"The Humours of Scottish Life"—which has just been published by Messrs. Blackwood and Co. One tells that the late Duke of Buccleuch—"one of the best of men"—returned to Drumlanrig after a considerable absence. Shortly after his return he was sauntering along the banks of the Nith when he met an elderly man who had long been employed on the estate. The Duke shook him cordially by the hand, and with characteristic kindness inquired after his health and welfare generally. "A'm very weel, thank your Grace for speirin'. A'm real pleased tae see your Grace back agin; they're a' Dukes when you're awa'!" Another has been often told : When minister of the High Church, Paisley, the Rev. Dr. James Macgregor (now of St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh) met in a place of amusement in London a gentleman from that town, who, holding up his hands, said, Mr. Macgregor, what would your friend in Paisley say if they were told that you had been seen in such a place of amusement as this!" Taking him by the arm, the ever ready divine rejoined : "My friend, if you wish to be thought the greatest liar in Paisley, go back there and tell that you met me in this place. Baths among some of the working-people in Scotland are not daily luxuries, as the following will show : A few summers ago a faithful old shepherd in the employment of Mr. David J. Bell-Irving, Master of the Dumfriesshire Otter Hounds, brought down a drove of cattle from one of his upland farms to Knockhill near Ecclefechan. The beasts becoming leg wearied and footsore, he arrived late, and was reluctantly persuaded to stay the night. The following scene occurred at ten p. m : Parlour Maid : Now Thomas my man, good-night. Would you prefer a hot bath or a cold bath to-morrow morning? Thomas : Hoots, lassie, gang awa' wi' yer nonsense; dae ye tak' me for a troot?

WESTERN COMMAND ORDERS.

Brevt Lieutenant Colonel A W Money, Royal Artillery, Assistant Military Secretary and Aide de Camp to the Lieutenant General commanding the Western Army Corps, has been granted to leave out of India, on urgent private affairs, for three months.

Major A P Longfield, 4th Battery, R F A, has been granted leave out of India, for one year on medical certificate.

Lieutenant H G Smith, the Buffs (East Kent Regiment 1st Battalion, has leave in extension to 21st January 1905, on medical certificate, granted by the War Office.

Lieutenant L H Smith, the Buffs (East Kent Regiment) 1st Battalion has leave in extension to 24th January 1905 on medical certificate, granted by the War Office.

Second Lieutenant A W P T Whyte, Connaught Rangers (2nd Battalion) has leave out of India for six months on medical certificate.

Major B L Tottenham, 25th Punjabis, Transport Registration, Officer, 6th Circle, Quetta, is granted eight months leave out of India on private affairs.

Major C R Elliott, R A M C Sanitary Office Western Army Corps will inspect at Aden, leaving Bombay on 19th November, 1904.

On return from Tibet the following officers are posted to the Quetta Division for employment under the Commanding Royal Engineers Quetta viz :—Captain C A Elliott R E; Captain P E Hodgson, R E and Lieut A F S Hill R E.

Major R W Nicholson, Supply and Transport Officer, on return from leave out of India is posted to Karachi as Chief Supply and Transport Officer.

A LONDON city street hawker who has a comfortable villa in Upper Norwood and travels with a second-class season ticket was remanded at the Guildhall, charged with begging. In consequence of many complaints from stockbrokers and others, Detective Inspector Penton and other officers watched a well-dressed man, who was apparently paralysed and who sold matches in Throgmorton-street and the neighbourhood. He seemingly [illegible] good harvest, for at the end of the day he changed his takings at a tobacconist's into silver and [illegible] to the City [illegible] train. It was found that he re[illegible] at [illegible] Upper [illegible] £3 a year [illegible]

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SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

The Hall Line steamer Grantley Hall, 2385 tons, Captain J C Jessen, will sail for Antwerp with yesterday a general cargo.

The steamer Oronsay, 2115 tons, Captain A Ellis, arrived in harbour yesterday from Calcutta 9th November with a cargo of coal.

The steamer Ormidale, 2305 tons, Captain J Hamilton, arrived in harbour yesterday from Calcutta 8th November with a cargo of coal.

The steamer Marseles Burg, 1774 tons, Captain D Mathiasen, arrived in harbour yesterday from Alexandria 2nd November in ballast.

The steamer Folgate, 2203 tons, Captain W G Smith, arrived in harbour on the 17th instant from Newport 21st October with a cargo of coal.

The B I S N Co's steamer Sirsa, 1675 tons, Captain R P Tysh, arrived in harbour yesterday from Calcutta via Coast Ports, with a general cargo and 2 deck passengers.

The City Line steamer City of Agra, 3096 tons, Captain C K Browne, arrived in harbour on Thursday evening from Newport 12th October via Glasgow and Liverpool with a general cargo and the following passengers:—Rev and Mrs Moody and 2 children, Miss L Collian, Mrs Buck and child, Miss Couch, Miss Hodge, Mrs Pilley, Mr Cox, and Mr Johnstone.

MAN-OF-WAR AND ROYAL INDIAN MARINE SHIPS.

IN GOVT. DOCKYARD.

I G T S Patrick ... Stewart ... Comdr ... Tindall ... I G T Steamer.
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Do Karen ...
Do Pathan ...

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Descartes ... 4030 Comdr ... Amot ... Cruiser
La Sabre ... 3[illegible] Comdr Lebail ... Torpedo B Destroyer
La Francisque ... 3[illegible] Comdr Cotoni ... Torpedo B Destroyer
Six Torpedo Boats.

VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR.—Nov. 18.

Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agent.
H M S Porpoise		Comdr ... Hotham			Royal Navy
India	2331	Forbes			M M & Co
Bancoora	2193	Abbott			M M & Co
Kola	498	McDiarmed			M M & Co
Ozara	3139	Fenwick			M M & Co
Nuddea	1914	Scott			M M & Co
Madura	1273	Cutbush			M M & Co
Africa	1302	[illegible]			M M & Co
Malta	3930	Peters			P & O S N Co
Kaloria	664	McClelland			M M & Co
Aboukir	2146	Kill[illegible]			K Nixon & Co
Iliada	3302	Morton			M M & Co
[illegible]	3140	Davis			M M & Co
Sutherland	1277	Wallace			W & A Graham & Co
[illegible]	2281	Harrison			W & A Graham & Co
Arr yo	2397	Plough			A Yule & Co
Lhasa	891	Trouson			M M & Co

VESSELS IN DOCKS.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

B Clan Graham ... 1857 Whyte ... L'pool ... 23-11 E Muir & Co
D Ohio ... 3127 Pickenning ... K'chi ... 25-11 E Muir & Co
G Mohammadi ... 1252 Gail y ... R Sea Ports ... 19-11 B & P S N Co
H Gulf of Trinidad 1701 Hughes R Sea Ports ... 17-11 B&P S N

P. DOCK H. WALL.

Mahanadi ... 517 Hobson ... M'lore ... 18-11 Shpd & Co
Ponton ... 502 Mohamed ... Bagar ... 19-11 Shpd & Co
Gauland ... 769 E Hassim ... G Ports ... 17-11 Shpd & Co

P. DOCK M. D. D.

Bundesrath ... 1327 Aurens ... Zanzibar ... 24-11 ... A Strandes

VICTORIA DOCK.

Shed.	Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destinations.	Date.	Agent.
1	Ville de la Tamatave	2353	Peancelier	Dunkirk	3-	K Nixon & Co
2	Clydesdale	2293	Livenburg	Antwerp	28-11	M M & Co
3	Arabia	2139	Ward			W & A Graham & Co
5	Tientsin	2535	Goldsmith	Japan	26-11	P & O & Co
6	Grantley Hall	2385	Jessen	Antwerp	19-11	M M & Co
7	China	3835	Tamsovich			A L S N
9	Axenfels	2[illegible]2		Karachi	19-11	Weihmann Glaie & Co
11	Arcadia	3511	Orbitt	Aden	19-11	P & O Co
12	Egypt	417		London	26-4	P & O
15	Camberwell	2383	Barnes	A'werp	30-11	M M & Co
16	Cromwell	1977	Schedl	Antwerp	24-11	M M & Co

ARRIVALS.

Nov.	Vessel.	Commander.	From
17	City of Agra s	Browne	Newport, Oct 12
	Folgate s	Smith	Newport, Oct 21
18	Ormidale s	Hamilton	Calcutta, Nov 8
	Oronsay s	Ellis	Calcutta, Nov 9
	Marseles Burg s	Mathiasen	Alexandria, Nov 2
	Sirsa s	Tysa	Calcutta, Oct 20

DEPARTURE.

Nov.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
18	Axenfels s	Weihmann	Karachi

The steamer Grantley Hall, Jessen, for Antwerp, obtained her port clearance yesterday.

The following vessel began to load yesterday.
Steamer Abanker, for Belfast.
" Folgate, for Liverpool, &c.
" Arabia, for Liverpool, &c.
" Marseles Burg, for Fleetwood.
" Ville de Tamatave, for Dunkirk and Havre.
" Goalpada, for Persian Gulf.
" Sirsa, for Calcutta, &c.

MADRAS.

ARRIVALS.

Nov.	Vessel.	From
2	Zinnia	Calcutta
8	Umlazi	Calcutta
9	Planet Venus	New York
9	Warienfels	Middlesboro'
11	Ardito	Venice
13	Clan Sutherland	Bombay

CALCUTTA.

ARRIVALS.

Nov.	Names.	Tons.	From
15	Scharzfels	3851	Liverpool
15	Gwalior	2969	Rangoon
15	Trieste	3203	Japan
15	Ardito	2311	Bolghezi
15	Eskdale	1926	Colombo
15	Waroona	1109	Moulmein

DEPARTURES.

Nov.	Names.	Tons.	For
15	Falls of Keltie	2150	Madras
15	Pachumba	544	Rangoon and Chittagong
15	Lord Kelvin	1232	Bombay
15	Clan Murray	3121	London
16	Tooradale	1351	Dunkirk
16	Marienfels	3700	Hamburg
16	Elaine	2837	Boston and New York.
16	Stranthmore	2292	Madras

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The P and O Co's s s Coromandel is expected to arrive in Bombay from China at 7 p.m. on Sunday next.

The B I S N Co's s s Shirala left Suez on the morning of the 17th instant and the Muttra passed Lisbon on the morning of the 17th instant.

The Clan Line s s Clan Stuart arrived at Suez from Colombo, Madras and Calcutta, on the evening of the 16th instant.

The German East Africa Line steamer Reichstag arrived at Zanzibar from Bombay this morning, via Lamu and Mombassa.

DAILY EXPORTS.—November 18.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Clan Graham s—5307 cwt myrabolam E Oomersey 8030 cwt wheat Sanday and Co; 96 bales hemp a [illegible] Arabia s—57 bales wool W and A Graham and Co; 870 cwts wheat and 200 cwts mowrasee [illegible] Bros 2 bales wool David Sassoon and Co; 50 bales hemp E Tajbhoy and Co.

FOR MARSEILLES.

Arabia—15260 cwt wheat 1000 cwt poppyseed 9997 cwt teelseed and 1000 cwt cas[illegible] Ralli Bros.

FOR LONDON.

Egypt s—14 bales skins [illegible] A Graham and Co; 65 bale hemp E Tajbhoy and Co; 300 bales hemp A Bramwell and Co; 120 cwt horns B Esa [illegible].

FOR NEW YORK.

Egypt s—8 bales Latham and Co.

FOR FLEETWOOD.

Marselesborg s—4400 tons manganese ore R A Willis.

FOR ANTWERP.

Clydesdale s—680 cwt gingelli seed A Blaschek and Co. Camberwell s—240 cwt ingellyseed A Blascheck and Co 20 0 cwt linseed David Sassoon and [illegible]. Cromwell s—2000 cwt bone meal Croft Mody and Co; 6000 cwt wheat Sanday and Co.

FOR DUNKIRK.

Ville de Tamatave s—2000 cwt linseed W Becher 260 bales cotton 1300 cwt linseed 500 cwt mustardseed 1,000 cwt wheat Volkart Bros; 500 cwt myrabolam H Anandrao and Co; 4000 cwt linseed M C Michaelide and Co.

FOR HAVRE.

Ville de Tamatave s—500 cwts myrabollams H Anandrao and Co; 4000 cwts linseed M C Michaelide and Co.

FOR YOKOHAMA.

Tientsin s—37 cwts cloves H A [illegible] Joosub.

FOR KOBE

Tientsin s—500 bales cotton G Dosa and Co, 300 bales cotton Gaddum and Co.
China s—2000 cwts rapeseed Sett and Co; 600 bales cotton Tata and Co.
Malta s—293 bales cotton F F Campbell and Co.

FOR HONGKONG.

Malta s—50 cases opium P and O S N Co.
Tientsin s 50 c[illegible]s onion S [illegible]; 300 bales twist E Noordin and C.
China s—1000 b[illegible]s twist Sassoon J David and Co; 500 bales twist E D Sassoon and Co.

BOMBAY LIGHT HORSE.

SQUADRON ORDERS, BY MAJOR, T. W. CUFFE A. D. C. COMMANDING B. L. H.
Bombay, November 19.

1 The Range at Santa Cruz is reserved for Class Firing and Practice to-day (Saturday) the 19th instant from 3-45 p.m.

2 The Squadron will parade on the Sands at Church Gate Station on Thursday the 24th instant at 7 a.m. sharp. Dress—Khaki drill order.

By Order,
F. A. REDDIE, Lieut,
Acting Adjt. B. L. H.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT-COL. E. FERRERS NICHOLSON, V. D. COMMANDING.
Bombay, November 19.

1 Arms and Equipment are now being issued to members at Head-Quarters on every week day between the hours of 6-30 a. m. and 5-30 p. m. No arms &c. will be issued to any member not applying in person.

2 The Range at Ghat Cooper will be available for Class Firing on the 19th and 20th instant. Ranges 200, 300 and 500 yards.

3 The 113th Bombay Infantry Rifles Range at Santa Cruz will be available for Class Firing on the 20th instant, Ranges 600, 700 and 800 yards.

By Order,
G. D. PRICE, Captain.
Adjutant. B V. R.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS, BY LT.-COL. LOUIS P. RUSSELL, COMMANDING B. V. A.
Bombay, November 19.

1 The following member having resigned has been struck of the strength of the Corps from the 18th instant. Gr F C Grace.

2 There will be a meeting of the Regimental Committee, at the B V A Club, Apollo Bunder on Monday next the 21st instant, at 6 30 p.m. sharp.

By Order
A. STIFFE, Capt. R. A.,
Adjt. B. V. A.

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LEGENDS OF RAJASTHAN.

Rajputana is the source whence most of the legends and tales of Indian heroes and their doughty deeds are drawn. It is a relief in the serious study of Indian contemporary history, punctuated periodically with solid Blue Books, from which we may hope fiction is resolutely banished, to turn to lighter and less responsible works for a whiff of a brighter atmosphere. In a book just issued "From the Land of Princes," Miss Gabrielle Festing (Smith, Elder and Co.) supplies her readers with a well-chosen selection of the stories that concern, as Sir George Birdwood says in his enlightening preface, "the soul of the soil" of Rajasthan, the country of Kings, and the inspiration of bards. James Tod amassed immense stores of the romance that lay scattered in Rajputa na traditions and records and filled two large volumes with them. To him Rajasthan was instinct with all that could rouse the mind to hero worship, and he claimed as keen a sympathy and knowledge from his readers as he possessed himself. From his ancient tomes Miss Festing has drawn many of her stories, from histories of India, or of the Mahrattas and other authoritative sources she has gathered more and incorporated all in new and artistic garb of her own. They have not only the charm of imagination, in that they reproduce the heroic era in the life of Rajasthan, but they are true to chronological records and faithful to locality. These prose renderings of what the old bards delighted in relating, tell of the Mewar, Marwar, Amber, Kota, Bundi and Jeisalmir rulers. We learn what distinguished the best Kshatriya Rajput and can understand, to quote again the sympathetic writer of the preface, "the clear, fixed, and unflinching view taken of life, and of its inexorable necessities and stern responsibilities by the traditional Rajput gentleman." In "The Story of the Thirty Years' War" started by Aurangzib to get into his power the infant heir of Jeswunt Singh of Marwar, the Rajput war spirit was displayed in the fidelity with which the chieftains remained true to the rightful claimant and fought for him, though their knowledge of his existence was little better than hearsay. When the Emperor ordered the storming of the encampment where the mother and infant were hidden, the Rahtores "made oblations to the gods, took a double portion of opium and mounted their steeds, 'Let us swim' said they 'in the ocean of fight.'" They first placed the daughters of Jeswunt and the women of the family in safety—that is sent them "to inhabit heaven" and then, relieved of their care, the Rahtores under Doorga-das went into the strife, "the music of swords and shields began. Wave followed wave in the field of blood. Every tribe and every clan performed its duty in this day's pilgrimage to the 'stream of the sword'" and not only resisted the Emperor's troops, but cut a way of retreat through them.

Aurangzib contrived to kindle the blaze of war from end to end of Marwar and descending upon the province himself, destroyed temples and shrines erecting mosques everywhere. Raj Singh of Mewar took the part of the fugitive prince, and the Emperor's wrath was terrible. He proclaimed Mahomedan law, reimposed the tax that Akbar had abolished and decreed that every one who declined the faith of Islam should pay it. He himself besieged Ajmer, and called his three sons to command his troops. The Rajputs were few in number, but "the emperor's last edict had kindled the flame in the souls of all Hindus, and made out of every common soldier, who rode forth to battle with the Toork, a religious enthusiast." But "as the cloud pours water upon the earth, so did Aurangzib pour his barbarians over the land, the country became a waste; fear stalked triumphant." Great was the anger of Aurangzib when his son rebelled. "Rage so far got the better of his religion that he threw the Koran at the head of the Almighty" quotes Miss Festing. The thirty years' fighting came to an end when Ajit of Marwar—the child whose birth had been the signal for it to break forth—mra of Mewar and Jey Singh of Amber made a triple alliance Ajit's reign was disgraced by one evil deed, ingratitude to Doorga-das to whom he owed everything. He banished the faithful veteran, having first stripped him of all his property. In "The Story of Rana Pertap, prince of Mewar," during Akbar's reign, we read also of war unceasing, how Pertap was hemmed in by the hosts of Delhi until he had to take refuge "in the cliffs of the eagle and the lair of the wolf. Driven to couch with wild beasts, he learned like them to hide, to lurk in wait, and like them to break from the toils and fall upon the hunters. On a sudden a shrill call would echo from the hills around them, and from behind every bush and every rock would start an armed warrior and the Delhi men would be cut down." The Bhils, the wild men of the woods, were Pertap's allies, the ears and eyes to his insignificant force. His followers recognised him as their chief even when he had nowhere to lay his head but the rough forest glade. Faithful were they, though "one word, and any of them would be restored to wealth and honour, to lie softly and fare delicately, to ride to battle at the head of a squadron, but none spoke that word." Pertap's wife and children shared his lot, the little ones were hung in baskets from the trees, when few could be spared to guard them from tigers and panthers. The infants belonging to the little force were often concealed in baskets, and taken in hiding to the tin mines where the kindly Bhils fed and cared for them till the imminent danger was past.

Pertap grew weary of the struggle and, in a moment of weakness wrote a letter of submission to Akbar, who overjoyed, showed it to Pirthi Raj, Pertap's brother-in-law, warrior and poet, to whom, though he had himself submitted to the Emperor, the idea that Pertap, the hero of his devotion, had bowed his head to Akbar was too bitter. He declared the letter must have been the work of one of his brother's foes and he penned a letter to the Rana, reminding him how, though all the other chief men of Mewar had surrendered, they still looked to him to preserve the integrity of the Rajput race by still resisting, which, to say the least, was a cool demand. But it had the desired effect, and Pertap revoked his submission, decided to lead his handful of faithful followers elsewhere to found a new kingdom, as Chitor seemed irrecoverable. This decision revived the patriotism of many other Rajputs. The hereditary Prime Minister, as Oriental Prime Ministers are wont, had gathered much wealth and was able to place twenty-five thousand men in the field. He offered them to the Rana to help to strike another blow for Mewar. The Imperial troops were taking their ease in city and fortress, in the belief that Pertap was on his way through the desert to found a distant kingdom, when, suddenly, he was once more among them. "From castle to fort, from camp to city he flashed, and left nothing but dead bodies to mark his track," He "made a desert of Mewar, he made an offering to the sword of whatever dwelt in its plains," and won back all but Chitor, Ajmer and one other city, and reigned in tolerable peace in Mewar to the end of his days, receiving when dying from the chiefs a vow to build no house until Chitor was regained and all Mewar was free. The old warrior then closed his eyes after a reign of six and twenty years most of which had been spent in fight or in wandering. A striking tale is that of Goman Singh "Lord of the Pass," whose overlord was the Raja of Kotah. He learned that a rival had maligned him to the Raja so that his estate was forfeited and his pass taken from him. The grim old warrior rode out of the city after this verdict in no cheerful frame of mind, and meeting his enemy near the gate in a palanquin, he pinned him to his seat with his long iron lance, then rode on to his own fastness among the mountains, collected his goods, chattels and trusty men and wisely placed himself under the protection of a neighbouring Raja. There is in these stories much proof of immortal love and undying hate, evil intrigue and seeming friendship covering treacherous designs when a wrong has to be avenged, so characteristic of all Oriental legends. Rivals are to be seen persistently poisoning the mind of the chief, and mining and countermining, so that when the day of action came, it was as often the innocent that lay dead as the guilty, thus laying the foundation of new vendettas which the Rajput, as in honour bound, had to take up and carry through. Woven in all we find a strange commingling of fidelity to individuals and fratricidal contests between the Hindu nationalities struggling through the centuries for predominance, not exercising in later days that foresight and sagacity which had once made them and their kingdoms powerful, but abandoning a common policy for personal glory, an attitude that left them at the mercy of conquerors of different degrees of capacity. Since peace has descended on Rajput chief and Rajput subject under British administration, the heroic age of Rajasthan is apt to be forgotten Miss Festing's sympathetic treatment of its legendary and historic lore, will keep it alive in the minds of readers and tempt them to refer to Tod's fuller volumes in which hero and sage, warrior and poet of the ancient days of Rajputana play their valiant parts.

The Coming of the Airship. M. Santos Dumont, to whose labours towards the solution of the problem of aerial navigation the world looks as to those of Edison, Tesla and Marconi in the sphere of electricity, is at present at work upon his thirteenth airship. Upon the success of the enterprise now in hand much depends, for the young Brazilian is building a ship designed and fitted for a week's cruise in the "Celestial Ocean" to demonstrate his ability to go wheresoe'er he listeth in the regions around what he pleasantly describes as the "azure coast." If M. Santos Dumont had not something of the poet in his composition, he would not be the enthusiastic man of science that he is. As a poet he has been impressed by the marvellous experience of his flights through the air. His imagination has been stirred, and to the inspiration of his genius it seems probable that we will owe the coming of the airship which will become as popular as motor cars now are. How long that development will be delayed none can tell, but M. Santos Dumont is young—he is but thirty-one—and by another thirty years have passsd over his head what may he not have accomplished? The modern Icarus does not trust to wings of wax. He is applied mathematics personified, his successes have been won through frequent peril of sudden death, but every mischance has been righted and he has definitely proved the soundness of the principle on which he designs his "steerable balloons." The vessel he is now constructing is, so far, the largest he has undertaken. It is a considerable shock of novelty to learn that this "Clipper of the Clouds" will be fitted with luxurious passenger accommodation. It will have a state-room, eight feet high and about sixteen feet long; one half equipped with two beds and the other half comfortably furnished as a sitting room. For a week's tour these things are necessary, but with the success of "No. Thirteen" we shall have reached the era of week end pleasure jaunts in the empyrean. The attractiveness of ballooning as a social pleasure under these conditions is charmingly depicted by the man who is going to make it possible. The more serious consequences of his labours are indicated by his offer to supply France with a fleet of airships whenever she may be involved in war with any country excepting the two Americas. He is full of gratitude to France for the encouragement and appreciation he has there received and this is one of his ways of exhibiting it. The other is his determination to let France be the scene of his future as of his past triumphs. In December therefore, he will ascend in Paris, cruise about the country for a week and then drop anchor again in Paris. He will not rise to any great height—never exceed twelve hundred feet. High altitudes, he tells us, are for spherical balloons used for pleasure or for meteorological observation, and low altitudes of from twenty or thirty to a hundred and fifty yards are for steerable balloons or airships. He believes that the North Pole will only be reached by airship starting from a sea vessel at the point where it becomes locked in the ice and returning to it the same day. Of the value of the airship in war, he indicates curiously enough, that the submarine will find in the vessel of the clouds its most powerful enemy. The ability of birds of prey soaring high to see objects on the ground beneath them is well-known and the aeronaut demonstrates that a submarine boat, invisible to the people aboard a marine warship, can be promptly seen by the commander of an aerial vessel who can drop down destruction on the submerged craft. To knowledge of the scientific principles under which he is working, M. Dumont adds a pluck and determination that have won universal admiration, and the world which looks on in wonder at the progress of this soaring spirit must hope that airship "No. Thirteen" will rise superior to numerical omens and prove the most successful yet launched.

The Anglo-Russian Convention. The hitch in the negociations consequent upon the North Sea outrage is serious enough, and unless our Ministers are firm in their demand, the British Public will manifest their wrath in such a manner as to force the hands of the Government. We hear now that the Russians desire to modify the clause in the Convention which relates to culpability. That is the one point upon which our Government must prove most firm. Reparation and punishment of the guilty were what we were promised and nothing short of this will suffice. It was stated shortly before the mail left that France had offered to arbitrate. Subsequently the announcement was contradicted. But the "Temps" says France is willing. If so further developments may be obviated. The difficult situation created for the two peoples by the lamentable incident in the North Sea, wrote our Paris contemporary, the other day, can be nowhere better judged than in France. We ourselves know what profound emotion can be caused by occurrences of this nature. The British Government also knows it well, for it effected a speedy settlement with us in the affair in which a Boulogne fisherman was killed by a shot from a British gunboat. Let the Government also ask the Russian Government to observe the same despatch in settling the incident of the Dogger Bank. Nothing would be more natural than such a demand, but the British Government "must not show itself less calm or more pressing in its procedure than we were at the time of the Boulogne incident; and we can also say to Russia we know the bitterness of having to give way in spite of public opinion to pressing demands." It was in the autumn of 1898, adds the "Temps," that Great Britain put pressure on us with an appearance of right on her side. Peace was maintained, and who regrets it now? That is the reason why we are justified at the present time in advising both parties to be calm. In the present question are involved the good relations, unimpaired up to yesterday, of two Powers who are divided on many points, but whom the Russo-Japanese war should bring closer together instead of estranging. The future of Europe is concerned in these good relations, and all those who work in the cause of universal peace should do all in their power to hasten a settlement. Yet Russia is in no hurry and has begun to vacillate in her characteristic manner—a manner which England will not now tolerate

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A report from Kabul states that while excavations were being made on the site of the Bala Hissar, the fort which was once the most important of the city defences, some two lakhs of treasure were unearthed. The coins bear date from 1835 to 1840, which would go to show that they were hidden during the first British occupation of Kabul.

The survey of the Berars has been undertaken and work is proceeding under Captain Rich, R. E. The party consists of Lieutenant May, R. E., and five Provincial officers who have just completed a year's training in the Dehra School.

From as advertisement in the Public Notification columns to-day it will be noticed that with the sanction of the Government of India, the Trustees of the Port of Karachi invite tenders to the extent of Rs. 10 lakhs only, as the first issue of the Loan of 21 Lakhs.

The two Survey Parties (Nos 11 and 21) which have been working of late years in Upper Burma under the charge of Major Burn, R.E., have been amalgamated and are now known as No. 11. This Party is under Lieutenant C. M. Brown, R.E., and has been moved to Baluchistan, the work in the Shan States being temporarily abandoned. Major Burn has been transferred to the Trigonometrical Branch.

The Amir still continues his benevolent policy towards the refugees who have returned to Afghanistan on His Highness's invitation Sardar Mahmood Azim Khan and Sardar Mahomed Aman Khan have, respectively, been appointed Governors of Farah and the Pasht-i-Rud, in the Kandahar Province. They had resided in India for a long period, as they were former adherents of the Shere Ali family. Sardar Abdul Majid Khan, who took refuge in Persia and afterwards at Muscat, was arrested some months ago upon crossing the Afghan border and taken as a prisoner to Kabul He has now been released, and his family have received permission to join him.

News has been received of the Gardok party under Captain Bowling, from Punjeling, a small village about 70 miles west of Shigatsi. The party were all well, and had received the best of welcome from every place visited In fact, the inhabitants seem most anxious to please, and did everything in their power to assist the expedition. The valley so far had been fertile and well cultivated, but the scenery was rapidly changing, the country becoming more barren and the villages further and further apart The inhabitants of this part of Tibet had, of course, never seen Europeans before, and they showed the greatest curiosity in the dress and appearance of the travellers.

The visit of the Viceroy may well attract attention to the question of railway communication with Kashmir, says the "Civil and Military Gazette." It is an anachronism that at the beginning of the twentieth century so rich a country and so fair a valley should remain cut off from the rest of India; dependent for its communication upon a hill-road liable to be blocked by snow for several weeks of each year For nearly 20 years the question of a railway has been mooted, and surveys were begun in connection with it sixteen years ago. It would not seem to be greatly to the credit of British engineering that no substantial advance has been made; and that after years of work, involving a very heavy outlay, the visits of several consulting engineers, contradictory schemes, and much vacillation, once more a survey has to be re-made by the route which a very moderate knowledge of the country would have at any time pronounced the most feasible one. The fact, however, is that various interests have been permitted to complicate what might have been regarded as a purely engineering question. Political considerations have at times dominated and given prominence to a possible route by Jammu. Commercial considerations were invoked in the interests of the unpromising coal mines beyond Aknur, to take the line that way. It is admitted on all ideas that it would not pay to construct a light line connecting the embryonic coal mines with the North-Western Railways, and yet these inferior deposits were made the reason for costly surveys through a most difficult mountain region.

In view of the remarks so often made regarding the physical incapacity of Bengalis to endure the hardships of war, the "Englishman" points out that quite a number of Bengalis accompanied the Tibet Mission and showed just as much endurance as the Punjabis. No less than seven Bengalis marched into Lhasa itself. These men were mostly in Postal or Commissariat employ. One Babu, named Mullick, a clerk in the Post Office, showed rare courage during the attack on the Mission post at Gyantse, seizing a rifle lying beside a wounded man and making effective use of it. The same man showed such a keen spirit as a soldier that during the march to Gyantse he implored the Chief Staff Officer to let him go with the fighting line during the action in the Red Idol George.

The appointment of Mr. Robert Nathan, of the Indian Civil Service, to be private secretary to Lord Curzon, Viceroy of India, is, says the "Manchester Guardian," one of more than usual interest, and he is the first Jew to obtain such a position in the service. He is a brother of Sir Mathew Nathan, recently appointed Governor of Hong Kong, who, if Zionist aspirations in East Africa come to fruition, will most probably be the first Governor of the autonomous Jewish colony there. Sir Mathew, indeed, some time ago expressed his willingness to accept the position if offered to him, and his only serious rival was the late Colonel A. E. W. Goldsmid. The family is a particularly distinguished one. Mr. Robert Nathan's other two brothers are Major F. L. Nathan R.A., superintendent of the Royal Gunpowder, Factory, Waltham Abbey, and Sir Nathaniel Nathan, late Attorney-General of Trinidad.

Melbourne rejoices in what is probably the biggest book-shop in the world. "Cole's Book Arcade," particularly impressed the late much-travelled George Augustus Sala, who, in his "Land of the Golden Fleece," describes it as one of the sights of the southern hemisphere. The proprietor of this colossal literary mart, Mr. E. W. Cole, is a native of Kent, who started business with a barrow of books in a Melbourne market. He is the author of a score of books himself. He has just published a pamphlet in strong opposition to the policy of "a white Australia." Mr. Cole believes in the cultivation of tropical Australia by the coloured races, especially the Japanese. He made a tour of Japan shortly before the war, had an audience of the Mikado, and was cordially welcomed. He says:—"It is no crime to have a skin browned, or even blackened, by a hot sunny climate, and it is no virtue to have a pinky-white skin, the result of a cool climate."

The prisoner's thumb-mark is no longer regarded as the infallible guide to a man's identity that it once was. M. Bertillon, the father of the anthropometric system, has decided to take in future the impress of the ten fingers of the man. Thumbs, notwithstanding what has been said to the contrary have a way of repeating themselves on different hands, with a consequent confusion in the minds of police authority. The system hitherto in vogue has been to mark off the thumb of the left hand upon a sheet of specially-prepared paper, which registers the slightest concentric lines of the skin. Police education in the marks of identity is carried to considerable lengths in Paris. There are special classes for the superior officers conducted by M. Bertillon himself, in which the size and position of the prisoner's ears, the formation of his head, the slightest marks upon the face, and the shape of the hands are all carefully noted. Nevertheless, the difficulties of crime investigation increase apace in Paris, largely because of the growing boldness of the assassins. In the large tenement houses in crowded quarters it is impossible for the concierge to control the entrance and exit of every person. Consequently, the criminal may come and go unhindered and accomplish his fell purpose in broad daylight, when the chances are [illegible] to one against his detection.

ENTERTAINING READING.

The Hound from the North by Ridgwell-Cullum (George Bell and Sons) tells of incidents in the period of Manitoba's transition from its wild stage when Red Indians, wild buffalo and desperadoes had a free hand, to the civilised day, of a Winnipeg University founded in a magnificent city and surrounded with indications of abounding prosperity. Law and order were not yet firmly established, the Bad Man had only been scotched, not destroyed. There is one remarkable specimen of the genus who, early in the tale, after suffering at the hands of three other ruffians who robbed him of his gold got in the little known Yukon, practises a similar evil deed on two men at the very first opportunity and commits murder into the bargain. One of the dogs belonging to the team of the despoiled men, is wounded by him, and is so cowed that it henceforth follows him. This hound we can see is meant to lead to his identification later. But it really is more a striking accompaniment to the hateful character of Hervey Malling, the evil-doer. There are several stirring scenes, such as the forest fire that pursues Prudence Malling when she rides to overtake her brother and then finds that she herself has to ride for her life from the terrible and relentless fire; and another when her betrothed drives to his fate over forty miles of snow track. The writer puts vivid colouring as well spirit into his descriptions. His portrayal of the character of Hervey Malling is done with a bold hand. The temperament that yields with such facility and thoroughness to temptation seems to be the result of atavism, for his immediate relations were admirable people. But on one occasion we find his mother yielding to the most primitive outburst of anger, and losing all control of language in addressing her only daughter, and we find the daughter who, in the ordinary course of life is a charming girl, giving the rein to wild impulses when her lover is traduced. Mr. Cullum recognises that in those unsettled times the natural man came to the surface with surprising ease when passions were aroused. Even the finest character in the book has his lawless side, the discovery of which is a shock to the reader, while the picturesqueness of his law-breaking is not lost in the telling. The interest of the book is unbroken from beginning to end.

Whoever Shall Offend by Marion Crawford, (Macmillan & Co.) is another of the writer's story having Rome for much of its back-ground, and strong in all the points in which its author excels. He presents us with a youth open to a good and to a bad influence, the latter of an insidious type that works under the guise of affection Marcello Consalvi passes through thorny paths to man's estate, developing as he goes a clearer perception of his duty and maturing into an individual capable of initiative and endowed with principles in spite of the teaching of his step father and his own erratic wanderings from the right path. This man Folco Carbario is the villain of the story. Sprung from nowhere, he has charmed Marcello's widowed mother into marrying him And as she is immensely rich and Marcello is likely to inherit the family wealth and property, he sets to work to get the Signora Carbario to make a new will under which in the event of her death, he would benefit largely and in the event of Marcello's dying unmarried, he would inherit everything Immediately after this instrument was signed Folco Carbario planned to get rid of wife and stepson. He succeeded with one with satanic skill, but failed with the other and the interest of the story turns on the tracing of the double attempt to the criminal. There does not seem to be much probability of this, and there is time for Folco to enjoy some years of undeserved wealth and for Marcello to be entangled in a modern love idyll before he realises what a monster he has for a step-father. He had always loved this man as if he were his real parent and the shock is as great as the disillusion is complete. The picturesqueness of Italy, and Rome especially is woven into the tale, and Italian romance has its full share in the relation.

With Sword and Pen, by H. C. Irwin (T. Fisher Unwin), has for theatre the North of India and period the Mutiny. It is full of interest, relating events of an exciting nature that occurred in a native State, Ghoristan, that enjoyed the presence of a British Resident, and had not been remarkable, up to the time the story opens, for enlightened progress. The decision of the Government comes to, to assume the administration of the province, as the shortest road to putting an end to the incorrigible misrule that reigned in Ghoristan, set plotters and conspirators to work, and before the last chapter is reached, there are plenty of adventures and most trying situations to be faced. The Mutiny broke out just at the most critical moment and from then the crisis of the Indian Empire is more insistent than the affairs of one small State. The whole is told without exaggeration and with much skill: the fiction reads like the facts that it connects, so well is the story constructed. The Resident and his plucky assistant are fine characters and ideally faithful to their charge. Indian politics and the life led by Englishmen in India are clearly touched upon and described, both before and during the Mutiny. Whoever takes up this book will not care to put it down until it is finished.

Tramp's Note Book by Morley Roberts (George Bell and Sons) These experiences and incidents are from every part of the world on every possible subject, and mirror every sort of character. They are vigorously told and the point reached directly, with the least possible delay, an always skilfully. Here is a specimen in "Round the World in Haste,'. The tramps had got to New York:

"I meant to stay there three days, but my business took me a fortnight, and money flowed like water. It soaked up dollars like a new gold mine, and I saw what I meant for the Eastern journey sink like water in sand. But I had to get to San Francisco. I took that journey in sections. All my trouble in New York was to get across the continent, I let the Pacific take care of itself, being sure I could conquer that difficulty when the time came. I recommend this frame of mind to all travellers. I acquired the habit myself in the United States when I jumped trains instead of paying my fare. It is most useful to think of no more than the matter in hand. for then one can use one's whole faculties at one time. Too much forethought is fatal to progress, and if I had really considered difficulties I could have stayed in England and written a story instead, a most loathsome [illegible] is alies."

Instead of which he got round the world almost at his own price and in his own way. All the incidents in the book are briskly narrated.

The Mysterious Miss Cass, by G. W. Appleton, (John Long) plunges the reader at once into the complicated situation in which a murder, a beautiful woman, and a man who benefits by the murdered man's death figure prominently. The beautiful woman, Miss Cass, is at once the object of suspicion, but so is the innocent man whose broken stick was found in the victim's hand. Miss Cass has those marvellous eyes and that singular hair that seemed to have belonged through the ages to the most audacious of her sex, the Borgias and others, eyes that mean the most wonderful things according to the simplicity of the men who look into them. The unravelling of the mystery of the tragedy takes a long time, and tangles the fates of many people almost beyond remedy, but the reader's interest is sustained throughout and the right criminal is found out in the end.

The Man Behind the Door by Archibald Clavering Gunter (George Bell & Sons) may be described as a broad farce enacted by an athletic Yale man who rowed his college to victory as No. 6 in the boat, in the Harvard-Yale race. His sweetheart, Maria Pearson, a New Haven beauty, a lively New York widow, Mrs. Montague Mardan, and her adorer Mr. Harvey Kelsey. There are minor characters, Maria's father, a methodist clergyman, who swears in Greek and his designing landlady. The comedy takes place in New York and is full of the most amusing situations and dialogue.

In the Red Dawn, by J. E. Muddock (John Long) takes the reader back to days before trains disturbed the even tenor of country towns, and gypsies camped in close proximity to them. Here a gypsy carries off a boy in the very first chapter and until the last the mystery of his disappearance is not unravelled. There are many broken threads of other lives that have to be connected before the meaning of the story is gathered, It is old-fashioned and rather sentimental.

A Fairy in the Pigskin by G. G. (John Long) is a dashing, rattling, sporting story with a Miss Kitty Smithers for heroine. Hunting, racing, horse-dealing fill the pages, with the secrets of success in all three directions made plain enough by racy stories and lively incidents. G. G. caters fully for the tastes of his sporting readers.

Under the title of Commercial Efficiency, Mr T. H. Elgie has published (Effingham Wilson, 54 Threadneedle St. London) a neat manual on the best modern methods of conducting business with a view to saving money, time and labour. The informations and suggestions here given are condensed into such a form that both employer and employed, tradesman, clerks and others can hardly fail to find them useful. The first section deals with arithmetical difficulties and gives scientific but simple short cuts to all sorts of calculations. The second takes up the simplification of Book-keeping, Next Modern Accounting and lastly Double Entry are dealt with. Advice is tendered on sundry subjects, such as buying a house, or business, mortgaging and stock taking. The explanations are most clear and sufficient.

Mr. Reeves, the Agent-General for New Zealand, told a story at the Nelson dinner to illustrate how the bond which unites the Empire is sentiment. "Six years ago," he said, "I was sitting in my office in Victoria-street, when an old school friend and companion a New Zealander by birth, dropped in on me. It happened to be the twenty-first of October, Trafalgar Day, and he had just come from Trafalgar-square. He said to me: 'I have just been standing under the National Gallery and looking down towards Whitehall. I looked at the crowd at the lions, and at the little man with the cocked hat standing on the top of it, and, by the Lord, he paid, I felt proud to know that I belonged to it too.'"

JAPANESE ADVANCE

BATTLE IN PROGRESS.

PORT ARTHUR'S PLIGHT.

GENERAL STOESSEL'S DESPATCHES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Nov. 17, 8-30 P. M.

Despatches have been received at St. Petersburg from General Stoessel by the Roztoropny and have been published. They are dated 25th and 30th ultimo and 3rd instant and show that the Russians had 500 casualties in repelling the assaults on the 25th and 26th. The last despatch, dated on Accession day is couched in a tone of the most fervent loyalty and jubilant triumph because the nine days' continuous assaults had been finally repulsed. This was the great day on which the Japanese swore to take the fortress.

As published, the despatches contain no hint of impending disaster, but the fact that nothing is published later than the 30th instant is significant.

LONDON, NOVEMBER 18.

The Russian fleet has left Dakar and gone on to Accra.

The American Consul-General at Chifu telegraphs to the State Department that the situation at Port Arthur is extremely critical, the outer forts having fallen into the hands of the Japanese.

A "Daily Telegraph" telegram from Tientsin says it is reported that the Japanese have suddenly advanced and are now within twelve miles of Mukden.

The sound of machine guns and rifles can be heard at Mukden, indicating that General Kuroki is attacking upon the East.

BRITAIN AND RUSSIA.

The Terms of the Convention.

EXAGGERATED RUMOURS.

LONDON, NOVEMBER 17.

The rumours that a hitch in the wording of the Convention had taken place as regards punishing the officers and which made the market flat to-day are stated by Reuter (St. Petersburg), to be greatly exaggerated as nothing has occurred beyond what was indicated in this morning's messages, the Russians desiring to modify the clause relative to culpability and wishing to ensure the enquiry being confined to facts.

BRITAIN AND PORTUGAL.

Banquet at the Guildhall.

SPEECH BY KING CARLOS

The Prince and Princess of Wales were present at the banquet at the Guildhall, to-day, to the King and Queen of Portugal.

King Carlos, who met with a splendid reception, lengthily reviewed the antiquity of the bonds between Great Britain and Portugal and conveyed the greetings of the Portuguese to the great and glorious British people as allies and friends.

BOMB OUTRAGE AT BARCELONA.

Eleven Persons Injured.

LONDON, Nov. 18.

A bomb outrage took place last evening, in a fashionable street at Barcelona.

Eleven people were wounded, nine of them seriously, and much damage was done.

THE MEXICAN COINAGE.

Reform of the Currency.

LONDON, Nov. 17.

The Mexican Government has introduced monetary reform, including the cessation of free coinage of silver except for export.

THE MAILS

The Bombay mails of the 5th inst. arrived at Brindisi on the 17th.

MURDERERS TO HANG.

CLOSE OF A POONA TRIAL.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, Nov. 18.

Vitta Dewjee and Bhow Narayen, who murdered a boy, named Dugdoo Arjuna, near the Empress Gardens, have been sentenced to be hanged. Mr. Lucas, the Sessions Judge, in passing sentence remarked that the crime was a most brutal murder committed for the sake of only a few ornaments.

A CLARKSON steam omnibus has been supplied for public passenger service in the Lake district.

Some time since it was reported that Signor Pietro Mascagni, the famous composer, had decided to stand as Parliamentary candidate for the town of Pesaro. The announcement was a popular one, and there is little doubt that he would have been elected. Now, however, he has decided that a political life would, after all, be unsuited to his temperament, and he has declined to stand, much to the disappointment of Pesaro

A NEW method of collecting rubber, adopted recently by the natives of New Guinea, is most effective and causes very little waste. They tap the rubber trees, and smear the gum in layers over their bodies; the heat of these and the sun dry up the solution, they then march off like mechanical rubber dolls to the dealers, where they are stripped and released, to gather more of the valuable gum. Unfortunately only about 20 tons are collected in this way.

A naval expert whose name, were I at liberty to use it, would readily be considered of great weight has given me (writes a London correspondent) some opinions on the sailing of the Russian Baltic Fleet. Assuming that the Russianships are in fair condition," he says in substance, and that there is enough seamanship, the difficulties in getting the fleet out to the Far East are assuredly not insuperable. The condition of the ships, however, is doubtful, and I question if there is the seamanship necessary for an exceptionally difficult task. As to coaling at sea, it can certainly be done under favourable circumstances, but this course is not likely to be adopted by the Russians. There are many parts of the world where fairly sheltered anchorages can be found, and these will probably be used. Technically a breach of neutrality will be committed. But then you have to ask the question, "What is the neutral nation that owns the port, and has it enough power to maintain its neutrality! Take an obscure sheltered port in the south of Arabia, for example. It may be nominally Turkish or under the influence of the Sultan of Muscat, and in either case a protest might be made. But [illegible] likely the protesting Power would know nothing of the coaling till long after the ships had sailed. I do not suppose that the Russians will hesitate to commit informalities which will get them into little trouble. They will probably consider that course preferable to choosing deliberately the certain difficulties of coaling at sea.

THE SOMALILAND OPERATIONS.

GRATUITY FOR THE TROOPS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

CALCUTTA, Nov. 18.

His Majesty's Government have sanctioned the issue of a gratuity to all officers, non-commissioned officers and men, including the Imperial Service Troops, who took part in the recent operations in Somaliland. The gratuity will be issued at the rate of Rs. 24 per share for British and Rs. 12 for native soldiers, according to the rank of the recipient and will also be admissible to the heirs of those who were killed in action or who died of disease during the operations.

PLAGUE IN INDIA.

The plague mortality in India for the week ending 12th instant is about 800 below the figures of the preceding week. In Bombay City there were 79 deaths, Bombay Presidency 7,603, Karachi 13, Madras Presidency 398, Calcutta 6, Bengal 336, the United Provinces 2,476, the Punjab 1,357, the Central Provinces 450, Mysore 657, Hyderabad 125, Central India 364, Rajputana 500, Kashmir 33, or a total of 15,197 against 18,360, during the corresponding period of last year.

"GAZETTE OF INDIA" NOTIFICATIONS.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

The services of Mr. F. G. Sly, Indian Civil Service, are placed at the disposal of the Department of Revenue and Agriculture.

Mr. J. E Gill is permitted to resign his Majesty's Indian Civil Service, with effect from 21st November.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

The services of Captain Wardell, Assistant Inspecting Officer, Kashmir Imperial Service troops, are replaced at the disposal of the Commander-in-Chief.

Captain Turner, 2nd Lancers, is appointed temporary additional Assistant Secretary in the Military Department of the Government of India.

Major Swanston, Deputy Assistant Adjutant General, Derajat Brigade, will be transferred to Nowshera on the formation of that brigade early next month.

Major Colomb, 6th Gurkhas, and Major Cromelin, 9th Gurkhas, have been selected as commandants of new battalions for 6th and 9th Gurkha Rifles.

Colonel Ramsay, Indian Army, is appointed Assistant Adjutant General, Lahore District, vice Colonel Phayre appointed Colonel on staff Meerut cavalry brigade.

Brigadier-General Plowden assumed command of Mandalay brigade on 8th instant, on transfer from the Belgaum District.

Lieuts. Muir, 15th Sikhs, Yule, 8th Rajputs, and Birdwood, 2nd battalion, 1st Gurkhas, have been selected for employment as supernumerary Assistant Commissioners in the Punjab on probation for the Political Department of the Government of India.

Captain Packard, D. A. A. G., R. A., Madras Command, is transferred as D. A. A. G., R. A., Eastern Command vice Major Palmer who vacates on promotion.

THE MURDER OF MR. FLEISCHER.

THE story of Mr. Fleischer's death, according to native reports that have reached Peshawar, still fails to clear up some of the mystery surrounding the case. His escort was one of regular cavalry, and was commanded by a Risaldar, and not by a non-commissioned officer, as first stated. There was friction on the road between Kabul and Jellalabad, and, on arriving near Dakka, the Risaldar insisted on a certain route being taken. To this Mr. Fleischer raised objections, and in the altercation which followed he is said to have struck the Risaldar, The latter thereupon drew his revolver and shot him, firing twice at close quarters. This is one version of the affair; but according to other reports the Afghan officer waited until the following day and then shot the man for whose personal safety he was responsible. News of the murder was sent to General Hussain Khan, of Asmar, then on tour at Jellalabad, and he immediately ordered the Shahang of Dekka to send the whole escort to him. The Shahang had already effected their arrest and placed them in chains. A special messenger was despatched to Kabul to inform the Amir of the occurrence, and his Highness's orders were awaited. The Risaldar is a Kohistani of good family named Abdul Karim.—"Pioneer"

A NOVEL KIND OF LULLABY.

A LOVE LYRIC IN A LAW COURT.

A MOST amusing case came up before Mr. Thorpe, at the Colombo Police Court. A Sinhalese woman, a girl, an elderly man, and a young boy were brought before the Magistrate and charged with annoying a Sinhalese woman who described herself as a seamstress. The latter had a great grievance against these people, who, she said, used to call her by endearing names which she did not appreciate. They used to call her "Darling Mary," and she was not young enough to appreciate that sort of thing. The accused seemed surprised at the charges against them Mr. Thorpe laughingly asked the accused not to indulge in this sort of thing and to leave her alone. The accused protested that they never said anything when the complainant passed their house. The fact they said, was merely this: There was a little child whom the boy amongst the accused used to lull to sleep with a verse of a Sinhalese song. If the Magistrate would have no objection the boy was willing to sing it for Mr. Thorpe's benefit, and this was done. As he was in the dock the little urchin commenced his song, which ran thus—

"My Rosa fair, my only love,
I want none else but thee,
My love, I'll even change my faith,
If you'll but marry me."

Needless to say, adds the "Times of Ceylon," Mr. Thorpe was highly amused, as was everyone else in Court. The complainant protested that there was no "Mary" in the song and that they always said "Mary darling" and nothing about "Rosa fair" and it was strange that they only did this when she went past the house. The accused were sent away with a warning not to annoy the poor woman again.

IS THE DAY GETTING LONGER?

THAT the time occupied by our world in its diurnal rotation can be slowly lengthening, is, of course (says the "Electrical Magazine") not apparent to everyone, although the fact remains irrefutable that the duration of our present day is much less than it was some millions of years ago. Several natural physical causes tend to effect the gradual arrest of the earth's rotation about her axis, such as the tides the former molten state of the earth, etc. It would seem that the immense energy stored in the rotation of a solid globe 7,925 miles in diameter, with a specific weight 5 1-2 times greater than water, revolving at a maximum surface velocity of more than 1,000 miles per hour could never be appreciably absorbed. By an interesting calculation, it can be shown that this surface velocity may be slowly, if inappreciably, increased by artificial means. Omitting our contemporary's figures, the force stored up in the earth is calculated at 30,333 billion horse power. To reduce the rotative velocity of the earth's mass by as little as one second, 10,000 million billions of tons of minerals would need to be brought to the surface from a depth of 1,500 feet. At present 2,000 million tons of minerals of all kinds are annually brought to the surface. The energy stored in this mass being raised would require the comparatively endless time of six billion years to retard the earth's rotation by one second. The drift from glaciers towards the equator would, however, appreciably affect the earth's rotation. The generation of magnetic effects and electric currents from pole to pole, owing to its rotation in a magnetic field caused by the sun's influence, would absorb some of the energy from the vast store represented by the revolving mass forming our world. But for the fact that other planets have been arrested of all proper motion in millions of past ages, one might safely consider that length of day will for a long time yet be without change.

THOMAS A. EDISON, the famous electrical inventor, figures prominently in a charge of fraud which has been brought against the Thomas A. Edison, jun., Chemical Company of New York. The company is engaged in the manufacture of the "Magno-Electric Vitalizer," a device widely advertised as a cure for many diseases. In its advertising the company heralded the fact that the invention was the work of Thomas A. Edison, jun., eldest son of the famous electrical inventor, and made sweeping statements about the young man inheriting all the genius of his father. Mr. Edison, sen., says in an affidavit that his son has never shown any ability as an inventor or electrical expert, and that he believes his son incapable of making any invention or discovery of merit, and that the son was employed for mere clerical work.

WOMEN'S INTERESTS

The Newest Evening Modes.

OPALESCENT TEA GOWNS.

WOMEN AND CLUBS.

LONDON, OCT. 28.

AMONG some of the latest and most exclusive evening frocks prepared for the forthcoming season that one has had the pleasure of seeing was a handsome dinner-gown in the richest Lyons velvet, which was particularly beautiful. In colour it was of a deep shade of old rose, while the long trained skirt was perfectly plain and trimmed only down the centre of the front by a ladder of silken straps, each strap secured on either side by small diamond ornaments. The draperies of velvet on the folded bodice were secured in like fashion, and there were wing sleeves of cream Alencon lace hanging from the shoulders and leaving the arm bare. Another lovely gown of embroidered cream lace had a deep flounce of yellow velvet and lace appliqué on the skirt, and a picture bodice with wired frills of cream lace to form short sleeves and touches of dark minktail by way of trimming. In direct contrast to these handsome toilettes is a dainty young girl's evening frock known as the Snowdrop, and made with a very graceful double skirt of soft white chiffon. Each skirt is bordered with a hem of palest green, and trimmed with ecru lace, sewn with tiny diamond dewdrops. The bodice has a pale green waist-belt and a very demure fichu drapery of white chiffon and cream lace, with insertions of pale green ribbon, fluted and closely gathered. A gown in fine black Brussels net over white soft silk is very effective, with delicate silver embroideries, and very artistic touches of turquoise blue, both on the bodice and the skirt, cleverly emphasised by the blue of the deep waist-belt. Yet another lovely evening frock is in soft white Messaline silk, shot with delicate shades of palest blue and green. The decolletage is cut with a wide square in front, and a deep point at the back, while the skirt, which is very fully gathered into the waist, is trimmed in front with two long lines of silver lace, running from waist to hem, on either side, and lightly jewelled with turquoises.

Chameleon effects of colour, wherein mother-of-pearl tintings and opalescent shades predominate, are enjoying a wonderful vogue at the moment. Sometimes they are seen woven in one material, as in the case of the newest chameleon taffetas silks, while in other instances the opal effect is obtained by using two or three semi-transparent fabrics, in different colours, laid very lightly one over the other. In one picturesque tea-gown, the dress itself and the long rucked sleeves are of pale green Ninon de soie, accordion-pleated and lined first with pale blue and then with pale pink chiffon, these two veilings of chiffon being mounted finally upon an under robe of the softest silver tissue. A delightful effect is produced by the mingling of these tints, and the stray gleams of silver now and then, the whole effect being that of some vague and elusive opal colouring, in which no particular shade out-weighs another. A softly-draped fichu and angel sleeves of white chiffon embroidered with a light tracery of silver, with a stole and waist belt of Venetian point lace, mounted on silver tissue add their decorative value to this delightful garment.

For some of the smartest afternoon frocks, taffetas, glace is still being used, but it is taffetas of a firmer and more substantial kind than the soft mousseline variety, which was so much in vogue during the summer. A delightful frock in copper-brown taffetas has an immensely full skirt, adorned with many curved lines and rouleaux of thick satin piping, in the same rich shade of brown, outlined everywhere with narrow frills of knife-pleated taffetas. The sleeves are of a full gigot shape, encircled at intervals with these knife-pleated frills, and finished with long gauntlet cuffs. Quite new, too, and very smart is a gown of black peau de soie, with a full skirt, adorned with flounces of very fine black cloth, cut out in curves at the edge. To wear with this skirt there is a black cloth coat, with a flounced basque to correspond.

The newest belts are in leather and metal. First, the belt of the moment is absolutely round; no pointed effects are permissible. Secondly, the belt must tone perfectly with either the blouse or the skirt, the only exception being the use of an onion-brown leather belt with a tailored suit, which here and there shows a touch of the same colouring. Thirdly, the girdle must be fitted with the same care bestowed on a princess gown or a basque bodice, and the shape must harmonise with the figure and its wearer. The very short-waisted woman must avoid the very high, round girdle. Pointed effects in the back are for her. For wear with tailored suits and shirts, suede or leather belts are the correct thing. They come in every shade shown in fashionable suitings, and a deerskin belt is one of the latest fashions. A pretty effect in onion-coloured suede is finished with two buckles, the one in the back a trifle larger than its companion in the front. These are of gold, built in exactly the shape of a Napoleonic hat, and studded thickly with topaz. The colour combination of onion-brow, gold, and topaz is wonderfully harmonious.

These large buckles can be secured to follow the curve of any figure; if the wearer has a perfectly round and trim waist, the curve of the buckle is horizontal. If there is a decided dip in the waist-line at the back, the curve will run vertically. An extravagant leather belt shows chamois skin in the natural tone, slashed to simulate rawedged broadcloth, and finished with gold buckles back and front. Another fancy in leather for the athletic girl demands belts, turn-over collar and cuffs, all of leather, for wear with the severe tailor suit. These may be stitched in self-tone, hemstitched, or done in heavy broderie Anglaise. The most delicate leather belts are those intended for house wear with the light coloured cloths which will be very popular this winter. White suede and at least four tones of the plain colours such as, blue, heliotrope, pink, green, yellow, as well as deep red appear in the plain-stitched belt, finished with simple gold buckles. Metallic belts will be much worn with tailored suits of all sorts. Gun metal, silver, plain and oxidised, and gold are employed. There is absolutely no limit to the price. One of the favourite patterns shows two link chains in the metal, set about one inch and a half apart and connected by four medallions, one at the back, one at the front in the form of a buckle or clasp, and one under each arm. These medallions, as a rule, show women's heads, or even classic figures in the nude. Under this is fastened a ribbon which tones perfectly with the costume and which is sewn tight to each of the four corners of the medallions. Six of these medallions, are sometimes employed instead of four, and they are plain or jewelled, according to the fancy and the purse of the shopper.

Another belt is built of medallions set together almost solidly with small links. These are about an inch and a half deep, and are of enamelled silver, the enamelling to match the gown, blue with a navy blue dress, hunter's green with the green frock, etc. The third design was exceedingly popular among belles of twenty-five or thirty years ago. This shows silver daisies in filigree, with solid gold centres, the daisies being connected by silver links. Sometimes the daisy is of oxidised silver, with jewelled centres, or gold with gems. Belts built of gold medallions are exceedingly effective when worn with white cloth gowns and vanity bags and chain purses in gold match them perfectly.

A "Bag shower" was lately given to a prospective bride by a little club of which she was a member. Bags of every hue and for every imaginable use, from one designed to carry an opera-glass—made of white velvet covered with a network of gold threads, a mock turquoise surrounded by infinitesimal pearls at each of their intersections—to a laundry-bag. Everything was tied up in paper bags, and from the outside none could guess what was within—for a dainty little jewel-bag came hidden in a flour-sack. A pretty pillow-case and pincushion-cover also came under the head of "bags." A "parcel shower" was another novelty. The packages were wrapped in coloured tissue papers and tied up with ribbons. A book of carefully chosen recipes neatly copied, a heart-shaped key ring, a sheet of music, were among the contents.

Judging from the deplorable fiasco of the Ladies Clubs (Limited), it seems worth the while of those keen on promoting women's clubs to make haste slowly. The multiplication of these establishments seems to go on at an astonishing pace, and can only end in failure. But there are clubs and clubs. A West-end hostess has, it appears, started a club for the encouragement of dancing among men. It seems, surely, rather sad that the most spontaneous of all the arts should have to be forced on unwilling pupils, but the scarcity of dancing men is such a perennial grievance with society hostesses that they are probably at their wits' end for a remedy.

It is an odd, but an indisputable, fact that most women can write a paper better than they can declaim it, as I was reminded the other evening by hearing Mrs. Watt-Smith read her very able contribution to the problem of "Physical Deterioration at the meeting of the "Childhood Society." Mrs. Watt-Smyth, who is one of our best known experts on this knotty subject, has a most prepossessing presence, but she read her brief but condensed article so indistinctly that only those sitting quite near could have heard her. Among other things she dealt with the feeding of school children, which she admitted was the "question of the day," but she pointed out the futility of dealing with the problem as regards older children, if we are not equally prepared to tackle that of the feeding of infants

One is reminded that women are wasteful enough in some respects. When the late Emile Zola, during his visit to England, accused us of sowing our hairpins broadcast in the City streets, we resented the imputation of extravagance and carelessness therein implied, but, according to the "Westminster Gazette" the impeachment has been amply proven by the discovery of a bird's nest composed entirely of hairpins in front of a Westend bank. Perhaps it is only fair that, considering how the fowls of air minister to our vanity, our cast off hairpins should thus supply their necessity! It sounds poetic justice!

By the way, it would be interesting to know what particular mood grey suggests in the scale of "emotional dress." Is it the phase of sober and resigned acquiescence of middle age? There are some women that grey always seems to express just as bright colours do others Talking of colours, I saw an up-to-date American the other day clad in bright red from her well-coiffé head to her feet, but the effect was bizarre rather than "chic" as it was evidently meant to be. The long coat she wore was of vivid scarlet cloth unrelieved by any sobering touch, her toque was of the same startling hue. One felt glad that few of one's own countrywomen aim at these "criard" ensembles! The red hat however, is distinctly pretty for some women whose colouring permits of this headgear, and one friend of mine I met the other day looked perfectly charming in a hairy red felt toque; moreover, it just gave the redeeming touch of colour to a very sober coloured toilette.

Headgear becomes more and more varied. No woman now need wear an unbecoming hat, for she literally has the whole world of hats before her from which to choose. Let her look to it that her choice is a wise one! A friend who watches with the appreciative eye of a connoisseur the vagaries of our millinery assures me that some of the newest models are quite delightful, and she quotes the following as illustrative of her assertion: A large white felt, trimmed round the crown with salmon-pink moire ribbon, veiled in brown chiffon, is, it appears, the "dernier cri"; a large bow of the pink ribbon nestles amid a cluster of autumn leaves on the left side, while the brim is lined with ivory tinted lace, and a bandeau of brown chiffon against the hair. Here, at any rate, is a chance of wearing emotional millinery, for it sounds quite like a hatter's "ode to autumn." Another model up to date is a dark heliotrope beaver, the brim lined with Parma violets, and turned up at the back with a large knot of pale mauve mirror velvet, with a cluster of pale pink rose arranged close to the hair. For we still persist in clinging to our roses with an almost absurd fidelity, Meantime, as regards ordinary headgear, there is a distinct tendency to revert to smaller hats for walking, though, what these lack in size they make up in bizarre shapes. Still this is a step in the right direction, since it means we are approximating to a severer style of outdoor garb. But whilst we are becoming more and more "tailor mads" out of doors, we are waxing even more elaborate within doors, what with the gorgeous embroideries, lace and ornaments wherewith we load our gowns.

The passion for Louis Quinze modes, of course includes a craze for antique jewellery, buckles, and buttons, and lucky is the woman who can fall back upon her collection of curiosities for paste buttons and buckles, for now is the time to bring them out into the light of day, and excite the admiration of the world of dress. But the wearing of jewellery is such a thorny subject, one hesitates to dogmatise thereon. The ropes of pearls and blazing diamond tiaras which some women carry off so well are insupportable on others. Is it possible that there is some occult connection between the temperament of the wearer and the ornaments she chooses? Fancy, what golden opportunities there must be for self-revelation in jewels if we only knew where to begin!

THE NEGLECTED SIDE OF THE EXHIBITION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—The intrinsic value of an exhibition consists solely in its serving a medium for educating and enlightening the public mind by awakening its industrial instincts and not in its magnitude or other outward splendors. Viewed in this light, the Bombay Exhibition does not hold out a very flattering promise of a grand success, nay if outspokenness is to be observed at all, the bitter truth is that there is every probability of its being a "grand" failure. This Exhibition is supremely lacking in such measures as would ensure the dissemination of its practical lessons broadcast. Exhibitions are such rare and mystical things with us that there is no wonder if a vast majority of us, when left to ourselves, should be apathetic and indifferent to them. Excepting the citizens of Bombay and a slender minority of sight-seers from some of the places of the Presidency, the Exhibition would remain a sealed book to the rest of the public and to this very weak point in the otherwise successful progress of the Exhibition I beg to draw attention of its organizers. The suggestion is very late in coming, no doubt, but it is not at the twelfth hour and much can be done to set the matter right if attempts are made conscientiously and with a strong will. That such an important point in the success of the Exhibition should have been left to take care of itself, does not testify to the thorough-going policy of its promoters, and the sooner they realize their situation the better for their own credit and the success of the Exhibition. In the present state many millions of people of the Presidency will not even know when the Exhibition comes and goes. Thus the Exhibition is in a serious danger of failing to achieve its great end. To attain this end, therefore, volunteer services of competent men should be enlisted from each Zilla wherever possible, in the absence of which paid services. These services should cover going to Bombay, receiving what practical instructions the Exhibition will have to give, and then making a tour through the Zillas enlightening the people in such information as the wants of each Zilla require. Also booklets should be issued dealing with the same information for free distribution among the reading public of the farmer and peasant classes, so that full lessons of the Exhibition should be placed within the reach of all. By this the organizers will have the satisfaction of leaving nothing undone in the discharge of their responsibility: and the mouths of fault finders will be effectively gagged. If this element, so essential for the success of the Exhibition be ignored, under any circumstances the whole Exhibition will appear nothing but a grand show, organized only to appease oriental craving for pageantry and be doomed to share the same fate with a similar ostentatious show of the Congress which is loosing fast its hold on the public mind. The leaders of the present movement, therefore, will be awake to their danger and prove their whole-hearted and sincere devotion to the Exhibition by straining every nerve to make the Exhibition a splendid success,—Yours &c.

SITARAM VINAYAK KUNTEE,

Malvan, Nov. 15.

PASSENGERS BY THE HOMEWARD MAIL.

THE following passengers will proceed to-day by the s. s. Arcadia, connecting with s. s. Oceana for Marseilles and London. :—

Aves, Mrs
Allen, Mr and Mrs C G H
Baker, Mr A
Boulton, Capt H
Bewes, Miss
Crailsheim, Mr H R
Carsull, Mr and Mrs L S
Ehrenpreis, Mr S
Fall, Mr and Mrs H A
Hecksher, Mr Paul
Hormusjee, Mr N
McLeod, Mr N C
Martin, Miss M G
Parker, Capt H W M
Simpson, Mrs G G
Skinner Mr K M
Torin, Mr L M
Walker, Mr R
Widrington, Capt B F

YACHT CLUB RACES.

"B" CLASS YACHTS HANDICAP RACE.

Allowances and Result of the Race sailed at 2-50 p. m. to-day.

Name of Boats.	Time Allowances, M's. Sds.	Entered by
Janetta	Scratch	Officers R E
Pixie	2 12	Mr E [illegible]
Frin	4 24	Mr R H Ireland
Trixie	4 12	Mr A M Monteith
Sayonara	8 48	Maj Curtis R A M C

From Committee Vessel round North Karanja Buoy, round South Karanja Buoy, and thence to Committee Vessel leaving 3 marks to Starboard. Course No. 5=8·8 Miles. Time-limit—5-4 p m.

TOMTIT CLASS HANDICAP RACE.

Allowances and Result of the Race sailed at 2-40 p.m. to-day :—

Names of Boats.	Time Allowances. M's. Sds.	Entered by	Start by H. M's
Tomtit	Scratch	Dr F M Gibson	2 40
Lapwing	5 19	Mr E C Ricards	2 41
Meg	Scratch	C H Byrne	2 40

From Committee Vessel round South Karanja Buoy, round Sunk Rock, and thence to Committee Vessel, leaving all marks to starboard. Course No. 3=7·1 miles. Time-limit—5-15 p.m.

"A" CLASS YACHTS HANDICAP RACE.

Allowances and Result of the Race sailed at 3 p.m. to-day :—

Names of Boats.	Time Allowances. M's Sds.	Entered by
Forel'a	Scratch	Mr C T R Scovell
Eileen IV minus.	11 12	Mr N N Wadia

From Committee Vessel round North Karanja Buoy, leaving it to port, round the Committee Vessel, round South Karanja Buoy, leaving it to starboard, thence to the Committee Vessel. Course No. 7=11·2 miles. Time-limit—5-45 p.m.

REFERENCE has been made to the crime committed by a Japanese Admiral on the Staff at Tokio, who received a cheque on the Russian Chinese Bank for £12,000 for the information which led to the sinking of two Japanese transports and is believed to have prevented the capture of Port Arthur. The transport "Hitschi Maru" was loaded with the largest and best siege guns in Japan and also carried two armoured trains and railway plant, while the Sado Maru carried 500 engineers and miners and thousands of pounds worth of stores, besides a number of details.

SNAKE-BITE—AND A CURE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

Bitten by a snake—A Hindu religious mendicant named Baba Bejinath Bawa aged sixty-five years, residing in a hut near Banganga, Bombay, was on Thursday, bitten by a snake which he was in the habit of feeding every day with milk, and which paid him regular visits in his hut. Four teeth marks were found on the little finger of the mendicant, who died the same evening.—"Bombay Gazette," 29th October 1904.

SIR,—On the evening of the 28th ultimo, just as I had finished dinner my butler came to tell me that our Ramosee had been bitten in the foot by a snake. I sent for the man and found that he had, whilst walking across the compound, trodden on a snake, which had turned round and bitten him on the ankle; the wound had bled slightly and the part was swollen, and he complained of pain in the bitten part. Cobras having been seen about the place, I thought it possible that one had bitten him, and fearing that, if such was the case, a fatal issue would result as the poison had evidently penetrated well into the foot, I determined to take the man out at once to Parel.

We reached the Laboratory at about 10 o'clock, and on explaining matters to the resident officers, they very kindly injected into his veins a dose of the antivenene prepared at Kasauli, as an antidote for cobra bite. We stayed for an hour at the Laboratory, and during all this time the man showed no signs of discomfort other than some pain at the seat of the bite. It was explained that as the man had no symptoms, the quantity of antivenene used was only sufficient for precautionary purposes; if it was a true case of cobra bite, which was then uncertain, instructions were given to send the man back to the Laboratory for a further dose of antivenene, should symptoms develop.

We accordingly returned to the bungalow again at midnight, some 3 1/4 hours after the man had been bitten. Up to this time he still continued to be cheerful, and free apparently from any sign of poisoning. He went to his room, and I went to bed and was very quickly asleep; but I had not enjoyed my rest for more than a few minutes, when I was called up to be told that he had been very sick and was in a more or less comatose condition I saw him at once, gave him a stimulant and sent for a ghary, and as soon as possible had him re-conveyed to Parel.

We arrived at about 2 a.m., and was then in a partial state of collapse, and by the time the officials there had got up and were able to attend to him, he was completely collapsed, his state clearly showing the action of cobra venom. I don't know how long my kind friends stayed up with the man, but they again had recourse to antivenene, and their administrations were so successful, that my servant was back the next day, very little the worse for his experiences.

There can be no doubt, humanly speaking, that but for the prompt and generous action of the Laboratory Doctor, the man's life was not worth an hour's purchase after the bite had been inflicted.

I may mention that the Ramosee is a sturdily built young Hindoo, who showed no signs of nervousness whatever, and did not seem to think that a fatal issue was possible, so that no element of fear influenced the case, and the officers of the Laboratory have no doubt that it was one of cobra bite.

In and about Bombay, hardly a week passes without some unfortunate, like Baba Bejinath Bawa, falling a victim to cobra bite. Death from cobra bite is preventable if the case is taken in time; and it is in the hope that the means of effecting a cure by "antivenene" may be more widely known, that I trouble you with this letter.

I should add that an antidote against the bite of venomous snakes other than the cobra has not yet been perfected.—Yours, &c.

Bombay, 17. A. L. SLIE.

APPEAL TO RAILWAY COMPANIES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—Now that the X'mas Holidays are approaching, may I appeal to the B. B. and C. I and the G. I. P. Railway Companies to advertise their usual reduced rate tickets as early as possible and make them available from an early date, say the 10th December, so that holiday seekers may be able to make their arrangements beforehand. This boon loses half its value by being published late and being made available from the 15th to 20th December instead of from an early date when it will be highly appreciated

A HOLIDAY SEEKER.

Bombay Nov. 17.

INDIAN CROP PROSPECTS.

CENTRAL PROVINCES SESAMUM.

The second report on the prospects of the til (sesamum) crop of the Central Provinces and Berar—season 1904, is as under :—

The telegraphic forecast of the 12th August last, gave a preliminary review of the condition of the crop up to the first week of that month. The present report contains approximate estimates of the area outturn of the crop up to the end of September. The total estimated area under both varieties in the Central Provinces amounts to 955,068 acres, which corresponds very closely with last year's area of 9 2,293 acres and exceeds the decennial average by 52 per cent. The estimate for Berar is 111,258 acres which is 8 per cent. short of last year's area of 121,551 acres and one per cent. short of the decennial average. The season has been somewhat unfavourable to til. The sowing of the early variety was delayed owing to lateness of the monsoon except in Chhattisgarh Division. Heavy and continuous rain in the Northern Districts in July and August, interfered with further sowings, prevented weeding and stunted the growth of the plants. The long break in the middle of the monsoon weakened the plants of the early variety in the Nagpur country and stunted their growth in Berar, while the heavy rain which fell immediately after the great variety was sown interfered with germination. Some damage is being caused by locusts in parts of Nagpur and Chanda, and other insects are causing damage in Wun, the only Berar district in which til is of importance. Among the important til-producing districts Sambalpur and Jubbulpore show large decreases in the area sown, while there has also been a shrinkage in Raipur. These decreases were caused by excessive rain at sowing time. In all the plateau and Nerbudda districts, except Jubbulpore, the area has expanded, while it has shrunk in all districts of Berar, except Wun, owing partly to the extension of cotton cultivation and partly to the fear of locusts.

It is too early to forecast with any accuracy the outturn of the late variety, so that the estimates in the appended statement are not very reliable. Six districts including Hoshangabad, Chanda and Raipur, where the crop is of importance, forecast outturns slightly above normal, 3 forecast normal outturns and 7 outturns of 90 and upwards. The estimates of the District officers, combined according to the area under crop in each district, point to an outturn of 95 per cent. of the normal in the Central Provinces and 76 per cent. in Berar.

If no more damage is caused by locusts and insects and if rain falls within a fortnight, there is reason to hope that the yield may be better than that shown in the district estimates. But at present it is unsafe to forecast an outturn larger than 95 per cent. of the normal for both Central Provinces and Berar.

CENTRAL PROVINCES COTTON.

The second report on the prospects of the cotton crop of the Central Provinces and Berar—season 1904, states :—

In my forecast of the 12th August last, it was roughly estimated that the area placed under cotton this season would be 15 per cent. larger than that of last year. The present estimates place the total area under cotton in the Central Provinces at 1,·52 310 acres, or 20 per cent. in excess of last year's area and 124 per cent above the average of 10 years ending 1902-03. If the estimate is realized, the area under cotton will be the largest on record. In the important cotton-growing districts of Nimar, Chhindwara, Wardha and Nagpur increases of 19 22 16 and 25 per cent., respectively, in areas are reported. In the Hoshangabad and Betul districts, the increase is larger still, being estimated at 40 and 52 per cent., respectively, but the area in the last named district is comparatively insignificant The estimate for Berar is 3 059,·20 acres, which is 7 per cent. larger than the area of last year and 35 per cent in excess of the decennial average. The late arrival of the monsoon delayed sowings somewhat, but the sowing season was on the whole favourable and sowings were successfully carried out in all districts. Germination was good, the light rainfall during the early monsoon months facilitated weeding. The long break in July and the latter part of August caused some anxiety in all districts where cotton is of any importance; the plants on light soil were stunted and weakened, although they did not actually wither. But good rain eventually fell before serious damage had occurred and the plants affected by drought recovered to a great extent The Berar Division did not receive any rain in August, when heavy rain fell in Nagpur and Wardha, and the crop is therefore not so good in Berar as that in the Central Provinces. A full crop is anticipated in Nimar, Betul, Chhindwara, Wardha and Chanda. In Nagpur, owing to the damage caused by insects, the hope of a bumper crop has not been realized; the outturn is now estimated to be only 10 per cent. above normal. For the Provinces, as a whole, the outturn is expected to fall but little short (15) of a full crop, In Berar a normal crop is anticipated in Akola and Ellichpur; and 5 and 10 per cent., respectively, below normal in Basim and Buldana. For Berar as a whole, the outturn is expected to be 90 per cent. of the normal, Locusts have not damaged cotton; they appear to prefer other crops. The exports from the Central Provinces for the period 1st October 1903 to the 24th September 1904 amounted to 217,835 bales, but last year's crop was not so good as that expected this year, as it suffered from excessive rain. The quantity available for export this year should be materially larger.

FIVE shillings and seven pence farthing per pound have been paid at a public auction for raw rubber.

THE sale of the Marquis of Anglesey's motor-cars realised a total of £1,899. A Mors-Pulman which the Marquis bought for £2,500, sold for £825.

COUNT LUBIENSKI, a Russian Engineer, has brought forward a proposal for the electrification of the Trans-Siberian Railway. The numerous waterfalls in the vicinity of the line might, he thinks, be utilised to give a current of 100,000 volts.

AURANGABAD NOTES.

COLONEL R. LEIGH, R. E. in charge of Military Works, Belgaum, came down here, writes our Aurangabad correspondent, to survey some land between the Fort of Daulatabad and the hamlet of Bhowsinghpura for a site for new military works from which it is inferred that the local garrison is to be augmented, but whether by European or native troops is not known,

Last market day a series of accident occurred to a Tanga and its occupants. The driver was unharnessing his ponies when one of them broke loose and ran away. The other pony bolted with the Tanga and managed to run the vehicle over many persons of whom, one was a sepoy of the 98th Infantry named Ramcharan, who is not expected to survive his injuries. Three of four garden women were also seriously hurt and others less seriously injured The broken Tanga and the occupants were taken to the local police chowki, where the Tanga has been detained, but the men were released on bail.

A curious case occurred at the Jarbagh, where there are three persons encamped on account of plague. A flight of kites and vultures having been discovered hovering about, the body of a native woman with a rosary was found among toddy trees. The corpse was so much disfigured by the birds of prey, that it could not be identified. The people seeing no one came forward to claim the body, ordered it to be buried and it was interred in the bottom of the nullah bed. Here a lynx dug it up. The body having become decomposed the villagers were again required to deepen the grave and the mutilated remains were re-interred.

The Dipawali this year was celebrated with more eclat than last year, but it was remarked that none of the rich Marwaries (who generally take much pride in decorating their houses) had any illuminations to celebrate the event.

Owing to severe plague in the city of Aurangabad H. H. the Nizam's High School with which the college is affiliated has been removed into the Mogal Travellers Bungalow between the Nowkhanda palace and the Langra Mulla's cistern but the building is small and does not afford sufficient accommodation for the teachers and students.

A plague death having occurred in the house of a Marwari in the Cantonment the man went into camp. During his absence thieves entered the house and carried away all his property, consisting of jewellery, ready cash etc. to the extent of over 1,000 rupees. On hearing of his loss the poor man lost heart and died suddenly. Some of the members of his household have also died in quarantine.

Brigadier-General Sir J. Willcocks, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding the Madras Forces, has arrived here to hold a preliminary inspection. The actual annual inspection will be held about two months hence and the local officers are bestirring themselves to show better results than at the inspection this week.

A man had obtained a loan from an Arab in the City of Aurangabad On the fixed day of payment the debtor brought only the principal of the loan on his demurring to pay the interest the creditor got annoyed and, tying him up brought him into his house where his wife was. Changing his mind, the Arab led the unfortunate debtor to the back of his house and suddenly stabbed him with a razor in the abdomen. On the assailant's wife raising a hue-and-cry, the neighbours immediately collected around the victim and the Arab was apprehended and lodged in the City Central Jail.

Owing to plague a Mahomedan 1st grade Hospital Assistant had encamped at Baiwari with his family. On Sunday night a robbery occurred in his tent when jewellery and cash to the extent of over 100 rupees were abstracted. Either through grief or sudden fright, the wife of the hospital assistant died suddenly the following day.

THE ELIXIR OF LIFE.

HE came into my chambers worn, weary, dejected and aged. I had seen him a few weeks ago hale and hearty, and now he was ten years older.

"Great Heavens, man! what's the matter?" I cried.

Ah! you notice it, then. I feared you would. Even Chloris fancies the difference is noticeable but she says that's only to be expected till I get used to the system. (Chloris is my cousin and his wife, and the most charming and delightful of women though an incurable faddist.)

But what does it mean? Nervous breakdown through overwork or general dissipation, the flu, appendicitis, or what?

He took up the "Pall Mall Magazine," from the table, and opened it at the interview with Metchnikoff.

It's that. She's been reading it, and she's caught it badly. She's been reading him, too, in his native vernacular and she's prescribed longevity for me and for herself, too. We are at last through the eons.

You'll excuse this smile of incredulity. You look more like pegging out. Talking of pegging, is it whisky and seltzer or tea? Then, catching sight of the blue ribbon in his button-hole, I said: Oh, so it's tea, is it?

Thanks but it isn't. Whisky and seltzer, please. I'll explain about this decoration afterwards.

He mixed, and having taken a long draught, murmured gratefully—

Tired nature's sweet restorer, balmy Scotch!

He next asked for a cigar and a jacket, and having put on the second and lit the first, he explained.

You see Chloris thinks lines of that last novel of mine far more than you in your pitiful envy do; far more, too, to be candid, than I do. So she says my life has become a national asset, and must be preserved at all costs in saecula saeculorum. Further to see that it is, my faithful wife will bear me company through the ages. Hence we have started on the system. What do you think is our staple and only beverage?

"Yours used to be—" I began.

Cease allusions to a delectable past fled beyond recall. Sir, it is sour milk. Think of it! Think of its odour! The first sip of it was enough for me, and when ordered to finish off the glass, I exclaimed, "Is thy husband—I mean, servant, but it's the same thing—a beastly Bulgar that he should do this thing?" But after she had hauled out my hair in handfuls—I speak in figures—I quaffed the loathly draught. I have quaffed much of it since then—a quart a day is my minimum allowance. She says my phagocytes like it, and I feel ashamed of having things with so little taste anywhere about me. Remember, too it's not of finely sour milk, but the good old crusted sort, venerable with age. I indeed will make oath and say it came in opal vases by sailing ship from its native China. Do you think life worth living?

"Not even with Chloris?"

Chloris as always is divine. But think of my sufferings. Salmon, lobster, game and made dishes of all sorts are forbidden me. I am consumed to the most uninteresting parts of the sheep, where no broken skin or nubbly bits may be found or to a plain boiled chicken—it is true plain boiled. We shook hands in silent sympathy. All fruit and vegetables must be cooked. Last night we had William pears and walnuts stewed. We boil our peaches and grapes; and oranges are generally baked. If we have a salad everything is boiled first—lettuce, endive mustard and cress. I have most painful recollections of some radishes which had undergone that process. If you try them and live it will be a miracle.

But the blue ribbon?

I am coming to that. Alcohol in any form is strictly forbidden. He finished his whisky with relish. Chloris has therefore sold at an alarming sacrifice the contents of our cellar and told the brewer no to call. To give me strength to resist temptation she urged on me to take the pledge.

And you're deliberately breaking it.

No! I did not take it. I went out and bought blue ribbon instead, and the moment I mounted this decoration Chloris made favourable inferences—that is all. She imagines I am a teetotaller. He filled his glass again. It's a sad thing to have to practise what almost seems deception on the wife of one's bosom, but for my health's sake I am bound to do it. For the same reason you will take me somewhere to-night to dinner, and I shall batten first on every delicacy of the season; you may drink what you will, but I shall stick to Beaune—a large bottle to my own cheek and your account. These things, I say, are for my health's sake, for many years, it seems, but probably less, I have not known the taste of human food. Now it will go well with me, and I shall ever be able to put away on reaching home my allotted quantum of plain boiled fowl and sour milk. Smoking, too, is given up—Chloris was very strong on that point. He lit another cigar. It is sad to think she is mistaken in supposing me to be a non-smoker, but I have to resort to some devices which the censorious might call pitiful in order to continue her in that delusion.

And when she finds you out, you miserable fraud!

She will have dropped the system. Already she's weakening on it. Those boiled radishes did that. Then she has just found out that diting is no use by itself. You must be inoculated with serum. I believe it's rather beastlier than vaccination and the stuff itself is unspeakable. That is sure to freeze her off and she'll take up something else. Then I shall make full confession, and when she knows that I have saved my life, I shall get plenary absolution.

How have you managed to get away this afternoon?

She has discovered that under the system plenty of exercise is required. I take mine walking and she thinks I am at present on a long country walk. It grieves me to mislead her; but let us go to dinner unless you want me to finish that whisky.

I did not. So we went.—Marshall Steele in the "Pall Mall Gazette."

A FAMOUS WELSH INVENTOR.

ON October 28th, at the University College of Aberystwyth, Wales Sir W.H. Bailey unveiled a bust of Richard Roberts, a Welshman whose mechanical inventions revolutionised the methods employed in the cotton and textile trades not only in Lancashire but throughout the world, Roberts's greatest work was the invention in 1832 of the self-acting mule which within a few years came into almost universal use, but in the long catalogue of his other inventions there are many things of note such as the Jacquard punching machine for punching the plates of the Britannia tubular the Conway, and other bridges; a planing and a wheel-cutting machine, automatic valves for steam engines, wool-combing machinery, a slide lathe and screw-cutting machine, twin-screw boats, gas and water meters, and a loop-the-loop railway intended however, not for music-hall sensations, but as a toy for his children.

A considerable part of Roberts's life was spent in Manchester, and there most of his inventions were thought out. He started business there in 1816, He erected gasometers for Manchester and at the request of the Town Commissioners he invented a gas meter, He was one of the members of the first Corporation of Manchester, and served as a town councillor for many years, He was an active member of the Manchester Literary and Philosophical Society and an active promoter of the first Mechanics' Institute in Manchester. His firm was known as Sharp and Roberts, of the Atlas Works and he designed the first locomotive built in Manchester for the Dublin and Kingston Railway. Sir William Bailey, to whose efforts the presentation of the bust to Aberystwyth College is due, gives to Roberts the proud title of the greatest mechanical inventor of a great country.

ARE OPALS UNLUCKY?

IF the average person were asked his or her opinion of opals the reply would almost invariably be of this nature: "Opals are certainly very beautiful—but then you know it is so unlucky to wear them, unless you happen to be born in October."

The origin of a superstition is always hard to find and no exception can be made in the case of the one concerning the opal. It is not at all unlikely that the wide-spread feeling of distrust with which the opal if regarded originated with the narrative of Donnerhugel in Sir Walter Scott's novel "Anne of Geierstein." It will be remembered how the mysterious and ill-fated Baroness Hermione invariably wore in her auburn tresses a golden clasp which was ornamented with a superb opal. This gem, which she never removed except for a few moments while her hair was being combed, was possessed of a peculiar quality. When the Baroness became animated the jewel displayed a twinkling and flashing gleam which seemed to be emitted by the gem itself and not produced in the usual manner by the reflection of external light. When the beautiful wearer was agitated by hasty or brief resentment, dark red sparks seemed to flash from the mystic brooch as if it sympathised with its mistress's emotions. The Baroness was particularly apprehensive when any water was brought near it, and when, at the christening of her child, a drop of holy water lighted on the opal it will be remembered how the stone shot out a spark like a falling star and instantly became lightless and colourless as a common pebble. The Baroness sank to the ground with a cry of pain and was carried to her chamber a dying woman. The mysterious lady, who had appeared so suddenly, disappeared as suddenly, for a few hours after nothing could be seen of the late Baroness except a handful of light grey ashes.

It may be considered improbable that so prevalent a superstition should be based on such slender grounds as a fairy tale in one of Sir Walter Scott's novels, but such appears to be the case as it would be difficult to find an actual case where the successive wearers of an opal have been dogged with bad luck. Such stories are frequent, but their origin like that of so many ghost stories is probably entirely mythical. It is possible however, that the so-called ill luck of the opal is due to the fact that the stone is a soft one and if exposed to constant friction is liable to become loose and fall out. It is very necessary that opals should be securely set but whatever the setting it is always advisable to give the stone a careful scrutiny from time to time, and not to expose them to undue wear and tear. If this is done there seems to be no valid reason why the opal should be regarded as bringing ill-luck to the wearer. Judging from history the reverse seems to be the case.

It is well-known that the late Queen Victoria who was blessed with proverbial luck, was very fond of these stones and presented each of her daughters upon their marriage with a parure of opals and diamonds. It cannot be said that these marriages have been otherwise than fruitful and prosperous. A lady in waiting once said to the late Queen: "I am surprised, your Majesty, that you are so fond of opals as they are known to be so unlucky." The Queen's reply was as follows: "Queen Elizabeth always wore opals and I have always worn them, and we have always found them lucky stones." The opal, too, is a favourite stone in the German Royal Family. The ex-Empress Eugenie, on the contrary, steadily refused to wear opals of any description, and her life was full of vicissitude and disaster. If we go back to the times of the ancient Romans, we find no trace whatever of any ill-repute attaching to the "opalus."

The esteem with which this stone was regarded by them was very marked. "Of all precious stones" writes Pliny, "the opal is the most difficult to describe, since it combines in one gem the beauties of many species, the fire of the carbuncle, the purple of the amethyst, the green of the emerald, and the yellow of the topaz." We learn from the same writer that the Senator Nonius possessed a valuable ring in the centre of which was set an opal about the size of a hazel nut. This ring was coveted by Mark Antony and Nonius, sooner than lose his precious jewel escaped from the country, carrying the ring with him as the sole relic of his fortune. He preferred exile with his opal to living in Rome without it.

The opal, which is the emblem of Hope, Innocence, and Purity, is a non-crystalline mineral. When first taken out of the earth it is not very hard, but by subsequent exposure to the air its hardness is increased. It has the curious property of improving with the warmth of the hand which brings out its brilliant tints. In valuing opals the following points have to be taken into consideration: (1) colour, (2) brilliancy, (3) pattern, Colour and brilliancy are perhaps the most important factors. Red fire or red in combination with yellow, blue, and green is the best of all. The various patterns are distinguished as pin-fire, where the grain is small, flash-fire, where the colours shows in a single flash, and harlequin, where the colours are made up of small regular patches of every hue.

There are many varieties of opal, the best known being the precious of noble opal. This stone is remarkable for the depth and variety of rainbow tints which it exhibits. The colour is not due to any pigment in the stone, but is an optical phenomenon, probably the result of a number of fissures which traverse it, the light being decomposed by the delicate striations on the walls of the microscopic crevices, thus giving rise to "diffraction." The common opal exhibits many colours, but is quite devoid of brilliance, The fire opal, which is mostly found in Mexico, possesses a bright orange-red tint, but loses its colour on being exposed to light. A very remarkable opal is the hydrophane, which appears to be composed of a white or reddish-yellow material. In its ordinary state it is slightly translucent or completely opaque, but if it is plunged into water, after emitting a quantity of small bubbles of gas, it assumes the transparency and colour of the noble opal. Curious to relate this stone retains its transparency for some time after it has been taken out of the water but as the water evaporates, it loses its brilliancy, and gradually becomes once more opaque.

There are many remarkable specimens of opals in different collections. There is one in the Imperial Cabinet of Vienna which is nearly as large as a man's fist and which weighs no less than seventeen ounces. Ten thousand pounds has been offered and refused for this marvellous gem. One of the finest opals of modern times was that of the Empress Josephine, which was called the "Burning of Troy," from the numerous red flames which blazed on its surface. A very rare and beautiful sort of opal is the black opal. This magnificent stone is exceedingly scarce and is practically only found in Australia. Probably the finest specimen of a black opal that the world has ever seen is in the collection of Mr. Edwin Streeter, the well known dealer in precious stones. This opal was lately and may be still on view in the window of his Bond-street shop. The dazzling brilliancy and depth of colour with its ever changing hues of this extraordinary stone has to be seen to be believed. A collection of opals still on view in the same window must be worth at least £20,000.

The precious opal was formerly obtained almost exclusively from Hungary. It was known as the Oriental opal by Greek and Turkish merchants who obtained it from the celebrated mines near Czerwenitza, and then carried it to the East, as the title Oriental always conveyed a sense of goodness and value to stones. The Hungarian opals were nearly always milky and specimens displaying vivid colours fit for jewellery are comparatively rare. Recently a few fine specimens have been secured in Mexico Honduras New Zealand and the Faroe Islands but it is to Queensland and New South Wales that the world is now chiefly indebted for its supply of opals. Attention was first directed to their occurrence in Queensland by Mr. H W Bond who found them near Cooper's Creek which runs into the Barcoo River. The mines in the Rockhampton district were opened up in the early seventies and this was followed up by the discovery of opals at the White Cliff Rocky Bridge Creek and other places in New South Wales.

An interesting story is told of how the opal was first discovered in the sandstone a few years ago A prospector for precious stones was paying a visit to a Mr. Manifold, one of the largest sheep farmers in Australia, and just as he was saying good-bye and mounting his horse to depart, a youngster picked up a pebble and shied it at him, The pebble struck the iron of the saddle and broke in two. The departing guest, picked up one of the pieces to throw back at the boy when to his astonishment he found a beautiful opal inside. Search was made for the other half, and another equally fine opal was discovered there also. Since that time many thousands of pound's worth of opals have been discovered in sandstone in various parts of the Australian continent.—W. M. L. in the "St. James's Budget."

"A SIMPLE COLLISION!"

HOW RUSSIAN NEWS IS MADE.

An amusing sidelight on the terrible North Sea disaster is supplied by a telegram from St. Petersburg in the Telegraph on the 24th Oct. The correspondent of that journal describes a conversation he had had with a Russian Admiralty official on Sunday night in which the greatest indignation was felt at the way the British public is gulled by its newspapers. This official is reported to have pointed triumphantly to the following telegram purporting to come from Reuter's London Agency in the evening edition of the Birzhevya Viedomosti, descriptive of the disaster.

A flotilla of trawlers, which arrived at Hull to-day states that on the night of the 22nd the Russian squadron collided with the fishing smacks two of which sank in consequence. Two fishermen lost their lives and many were wounded.

Taking this as his text, the Admiralty official alluded to by the "Telegraph" St. Petersburg correspondent waxed wrathful at Great Britain in these terms:

And this accident, which may happen to any ship is misused as a text for Press philippics against Russia! No wonder our naval officers instinctively feel that no such friendship can exist between them and their English colleagues as exists among naval officers of all other States. A simple collision occurred, which our people may not have even noticed otherwise they would have reported the matter, as they could and should have done, and your Press works itself into a fury. Obviously, your people are only watching for an opportunity to bring on war. That is a very dangerous game, because it may suddenly prove successful.

HOW THE NEWS LEFT LONDON.

Inquiries at Reuter's London Agency, who are said to have sent out the telegram printed above resulted in a Westminster Gazette representative being informed that the message was despatched in French, and left London as follows:

A telegram from Hull states that the Russian Baltic Squadron ran down and sank two fishing vessels from Hull. Eighteen fishermen were drowned. It is stated that the Russian warships fired on the English fishing fleet and that the English captain was killed.

Commenting upon the telegram as published in the Russian paper, the chief editor of Reuter's described it as the most shameless garbling of our original despatches. He added: Of course later on the fuller details of the disaster were sent. Everything has been wired over; not a single incident as supplied to the English Press has been withheld from our foreign telegrams.

THERE are, according to Mr. E. Sharpnell Smith, 23,076 motor-cars and 22,916 motor-cycles in the United Kingdom. Of these 15,616 cars are private, 2,380 in business, 680 are used for both purposes; besides 930 in heavy goods haulage, and 470 in public passenger service.

SCHOOL HUMOUR.

SOME OF MR. BARKER'S STORIES.

Fifteen years ago Mr. H. J. Barker delighted the English and American public with his "Comic Side of School Life." Now through Messrs. Jarrold and Sons he is about to give the world a further treat. Concerning his stories and his forthcoming volume ("Comic School Tales") a press representative interviewed Mr. Barker.

"What I," he cried, "tell you my best story? How am I to know which is the best? When a man is saturated with stories—for they roll in upon me from all quarters now—it is difficult for him to say which is the best. Let me tell you the latest—or one of the latest—instead. The other day on the steps of the offices of the late School Board I met a head master whom I hadn't seen for years and he said Hullo Mr. Barker. I've got a good story for you. This is what he told me. In an infants' school the mistress was giving some questions on mental arithmetic and she asked 'What do 5 and 4 make' A little girl replied, 'Ten,' whereupon the mistress uttered a gentle reproof concluding by sending the child out of the room to quietly think out a sounder solution of the problem. A little seven-year-old found the tot in the hall, inquired the occasion of her isolation. I'm sent out here to try and fink what 5 and 4 is,' was the explanation. Well you go back,' advised the seven-year-old, and say, Nine.' Oh, no, replied the troubled tot, I don't think 9 would do. I tried 10, and that wasn't enough.' This story," Mr. Barker explained illustrates a curious working of the child mind.

Some more stories, if you please, Mr. Barker,

Well, during a grammar examination in a Board school the inspector took the line, Hark! how the lark sings!' and asked a little boy to give the gender of lark. Masculine,' was his reply. No,' said the inspector, 'it's a common gender.' 'Beg pardon, sir,' corrected the youngster, 'it's only the cock bird what sings.' Pretty sharp, wasn't it? But perhaps the largest crop of good things comes of children misinterpreting the sound of words. A little East-ender, asked to say the Lord's Prayer, astonished the mistress by saying, Lead us not into Thames Station. Another little East-ender, taken for a treat to the seaside, said, There's the sea, but where are all the Timythemies? All the what? asked the teacher, who gradually learnt that this was a confusion arising in the child's mind from the sea and all that in them is.

Your forthcoming book will be full of new stories?

Yes, stories new and true. It is in three parts. The first part consists of stories based on my experience as a lecturer—the humour yielded by a lecture on Humour in School. The second part is full of comic tales about school. In the third part I present, as fiction, a number of stories about teachers that are based on actual occurrences. I have put a tremendous lot of time and effort into the new book, which I hope will be found more interesting than the former one.

And now will you please tell me some quaint things that children have said?

"Well, a class was asked to write grammatical sentences illustrating the meaning of 'terminus,' and this was a small scholar's contribution: 'The mother flogged the boy on the terminus.' A similar lesson in reference to 'contents' brought this effort: 'The contents of a cow is milk.' A boy, asked to give a definition of 'memory,' said: 'That which you forget with.' A little girl, writing about the weather, explained that the reason we had so much wind in this country was because there were so many windmills here. Once a boy came in late to school and was confronted by the Government inspector, who asked the reason of his unpunctuality. 'Please, sir,' explained the lad, 'I had to go to the station with father to help carry some fish to the shop.' 'Oh,' said the inspector, 'so your father is a fishmonger, is he? Then, as you help him, you will be able to do this little sum for me. If you bought 19lbs. of salmon at 3d. a pound, how much would the whole fish be worth?' 'It wouldn't be worth much at that price, sir,' replied the youth, quick as an eel; and he added 'Oh, my, salmon at 3d. a pound!' I fancy that inspector regretted his frivolity.

The London boy transplanted to the country has provided some material for your books, has he not?

Yes. Let me see, I think I tell of a little Londoner who went to live amid rural surroundings, and at the village school was catechised as to his impressions of the country. I like it pretty well, said the little chap, but there's some things I don't like as well as in London. There's the way you get your milk, for one thing. In London they get it from a nice clean shop; down here you get it from a dirty old cow standing in the mud.

The sayings of school children are often unconscious revelations of their home life?

Yes. There was a curious case at a Southwark Board school some time ago. Written excuses for absence are, you know, the rule; and as it had been transgressed the lad concerned was admonished that, if he could not attend school he must afterwards bring an excuse from his father. But solemnly protested the youth, father ain't no good at making excuses, sir. Mother catches him every time. Catches him replied the teacher. What do you mean? Why, added the ingenuous child mother finds him out, sir, as soon as he opens his mouth.

By the way, Mr. Barker, you say one part of Comic School Tales will tell of humorous things that occurred while you were lecturing on humour What sort of things?

All sorts. For instance, certain chairmen have yielded me good material. One of them, who was full of geniality and good temper, privately consulted me after the lecture as to what was the point in one of my stories. How he came to be so conscience stricken over the matter was because his pretty little daughter, seated beside him on the platform had manifestly been greatly tickled by that particular anecdote. This was the story: An inspector, examining a class of girls, asked them whether the word deer was singular or plural at which a scholar, whose attendance had not been very regular, replied Singular. Indeed commenced the inspector, and why? Because of its queer-shaped horns, said the little girl. That as readers of 'The Daily News' will admit, is not a very abstruse joke; but as I say, the chairman button holed me after the lecture and besought an elucidation. I explained to him that deer was one of those nouns that could be used in either the singular or plural sense. I see, he said, though with the obvious air of one who didn't; then, after an awkward pause, he plucked up courage to say: But still I don't quite see what the shape of a deer's horns has to do with it. This fine old fellow was a self-made man, and his youth was antecedent to the founding of Board schools.

Have members of your audiences ever suffered ill effects from excessive laughter?

Oh, I hope not. I certainly do remember one case of a youngster giving way to such an extent that his friends became anxious. He was a handsome boy, in an Eton suit, and he was seated beside his mother who greatly enjoyed his enjoyment of the lecture. Well, I chanced to tell an experience of an inspector who, testing a class on the values of coins, threw a half-crown from one palm to another and asked a pupil, What is that? Whereupon the youngster, taken off his guard, enthusiastically replied, Heads, sir! That proved too much for the Eton boy. He went off into a fit of laughter that proved uncontrollable; his mother shook him, his back was patted by the people behind, and his collar was removed—but all in vain; the convulsions continued, and the poor lad had to be helped out of the hall. Feeling very anxious, I sent a gentleman from the platform to inquire how the patient fared, and presently the reassuring news was brought back that the boy was all right again, though his mother would not run the risk of letting him hear any more of the lecture.—"Daily News.

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THE COKELERS.

SECT THAT ADVOCATES ABOLITION OF MARRIAGE.

THE Cokelers, a curious religious sect, may influence the result of the election in North-west Sussex says a home paper. Founded in 1850, the sect holds aloof from politics, but an effort will be made to get the members to go to the polls, and as they possess about 500 votes they are an election asset not to be despised.

The derivation of the world Cokeler is enveloped in mystery. It is supposed by some to have relation to their principles of temperance and their fondness for cocoa, and by others to a locality described in old records as "Cokky." The Cokelers are only to be found in the Weald of Sussex and in a few Surrey villages. They have a creed of a pronounced Antinomian type built upon a number of texts taken away from their context and thus rendered capable of any interpretation which may be put on them. In each chapel there are elders, or "stalwarts," picked from the congregation; but there are no ministers in the accepted sense of the term, and the order of service is closely akin to that of the Quakers. The Cokelers are not total abstainers but very few of them touch intoxicating liquor and in regard to wedlock they hold that, while marriage is a thing to be avoided if possible, immorality is a greater evil. In these circumstances, although they have no marriage service of their own, the elders raise no objection to members of the sect going through the ceremony elsewhere.

Mr. Chamberlain wants (says the "Times") to see free trade within the Empire, and the Cokelers' ideal is free trade within their own business limits In every village where they have taken root the Cokelers have their own store, which is mainly supplied by members of the sect, and sells to all-comers to the profit of the sect. But, these establishments pay their way and benefit all who have dealings with them, because their managers will not countenance dumping of any kind and it is not surprising that a proposal to evolve a national scheme from the same germ as their parochial experiments should be looked upon by them with approval.

DEMORALISING THE POOR.

STRONG PROTEST BY MR. JOHN BURNS.

AT a meeting of the London County Council on October 19th, the Housing of the Working Classes Committee recommended that the estimate of £50,000 submitted by the Finance Committee be approved, and that expenditure not exceeding that amount be sanctioned for the erection of a lodging-house at the corner of Kemble-street and Drury-lane, to be known as Kemble-street House. The scheme is part of the proposals for rehousing persons displaced by the formation of the new street from Holborn to the Strand. The lodging-house is designed to accommodate 699 men, and will resemble Carrington House, Deptford. The charges are to be 7d, for lodgers who take a cubicle for one night only, and 6d. a night for lodgers taking a weekly ticket. At these charges the new house should be self-supporting.

Dr. Cooper moved that the recommendation be referred back to the Committee. The lodging-house would not cater for the poorest class of workers near the Strand who most required accommodation.

Mr. Burns also opposed the recommendation of the Committee, holding that it would be far better in place of erecting such a huge lodging-house, to build one to accommodate about 400 men. He mentioned that he had once been one of a queue of 1,310 men waiting at three o'clock in the morning for the gift of a pint of soup and half a pound of bread. He had seen similar sights in other places in London during the past week, and could see among the crowds the honest, deserving poor man out of work alternated with the cadger, the criminal, the loafer, the wastrel, the man who lived on the woman, and the man who lived on the children, the man who frequently was drunken, if he were not diseased; and that was the tendency, he thinks, in the big city of private and organised religious charity. The Salvation Army wished to outbid the Wesleyans, the Church Army wished to outvie the Methodists, and all were creating poor, demoralising the worthy, and bringing into London from all quarters men that Rowton Houses attracted in the first place, and that the Council's own lodging-houses also attracted to a certain extent, but whom the Salvation Army was attracting with greater power than either. "Don't let us overdo that kind of thing," said Mr. Burns. He would like to see the workingman a married man, and if not a married man, the lodger of a decent woman who was married. Certainly they should not multiply their lodging-houses if they did not pay, and he did not believe that this one would pay. He believed the Council had gone far enough in the matter of big lodging-houses, and he appealed to the Council and to outside organisations which were providing shelter and distributing food indiscriminately—organisations which were often the appanage of religious propaganda—not to carry this kind of thing too far. The Council's lodging-house at Deptford had proved that the idea was economically a mistake, and he thinks that the proposal before them had not had sufficient consideration. These celibate barracks were not only a danger to the men themselves, but a potential danger to the community.

After some further discussion the amendment was rejected.

The recommendation was adopted, and a tender of £46,100 for the erection of the house was accepted.

WEAVING WITH THE HAND LOOM.

FOUR ladies have combined to give an exhibition of hand weaving at 18, Holland-street, Kensington, where some of their work is now on view. The revival of hand weaving is, of course, part of the new movement in artistic craftsmanship and some of the results obtained by the Misses Brown, Chapman, Collingwood, and Day are worthy of the labour expended upon them. There are book covers, curtains, covers and some finer fabrics for dresses, many of these latter being especially beautiful. One length of white silk, in particular, is an exquisite specimen of careful weaving. The work is all done on the hand loom, and is sufficiently arduous even when the narrower widths are being woven; but with the wider cloths the throwing of the shuttle demands very real exertion; yet the results achieved are in many cases much superior to those from the machine loom.

MINE RE-DISCOVERED IN CALIFORNIA.

ACCORDING to the New York correspondent of the "Chronicle," one of the richest gold mines in the world has been discovered in Medoc County, California after fifty years' search. Its value is said to be enormous, a preliminary investigation having revealed a lode of eight feet. The story of the mine is like a romance. It was originally found, during the gold rush to California, over fifty years ago by an Irishman named E. G. Hess. Hess left the mine for a short time to get material to work it, and revealed part of his secret to some comrades. He was murdered, and his murderers attempted to find the location of the new gold-field. They were unsuccessful, and from that time until the present hundreds of prospectors have attempted to make the discovery.

HIGH COURT.—Nov. 19.

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556-07—K J Bilimoria Framji Hiraji Pavri vs Phirozshaw Cowasji Khojotia M R Vakel.

Before the Hon. Mr. Justice CHANDAVARKAR.

Suits for hearing and final disposal.

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545-04—Payne and Co—Kanjee Dewjee and another vs Bhugwandas Narotamdas—Tyabjee D and Co—Part heard

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877-01—Edgelow G and W—Bibi Sakina widow vs Mirza Mahomed bin Hajee Abdool Hoosein Shirajee and others—Craigie L and O.
51-41—Tyabjee [illegible] Co—Bibi Kaver Sultan vs Bibi Rukhie Sultan and others—Payne and Co
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2-8-01—K D Shroff—Dhunjibhoy Merwanji Shroff vs Nusservanji Cursetji Sukhia—Craigie L and O

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505-04—Jehangir and [illegible]—Rajabai widow vs Ramchun [illegible] Vithal Shin [illegible]—[illegible]

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237-03—Ardeser H D and Co—Haji Abdul Rahman Shirazi vs H [illegible] widow and others—Captain and V
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117-04—Bhaishanker K and G—The Advocate-General of Bombay vs Bai Sudha Alias Moghibai—Madhowji and V
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465-04—Payne and Co—Vulli Mahomed Hassum vs Vussomji V Velji and Co—Madhowji and V
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HERE, THERE, AND EVERYWHERE.

A MAN who was in gaol for larceny was recently proceeded against at Melbourne for having no lawful and visible means of support. Of course he had been so charged before the sentence was inflicted for the graver offence, but satirical people are asking whether the authorities are of the opinion that prison fare is so meagre as not to amount to means of support.

The beginning of winter chills has brought round a familiar seasonal phenomenon in the museum of the Louvre. In the picture galleries are to be seen an unusual number of ill-dressed visitors. One rejoices at this evidence of the spread of æsthetic culture among the masses, and with a certain sense of patronage one observes them to find out what type of art particularly appeals to them. Strange to say, the pictures they love to contemplate are always the same. They are those placed opposite to the grating in the floor, through which is rising a comforting stream of hot air. Some even manage to stay overnight, though that has become difficult since a journalist slept in a sarcophagus to show how easily it could be done.

Discussing the Russian ignorance of maritime signals, a Frenchman relates that in 1897 he was on board a Transatlantique boat escorting President Faure to Cronstadt. Off Revel about 11 p.m. the noise of guns was heard. A Russian squadron was putting in some night practice at floating targets right in the track of the steamer. When well in sight it slowed down, and for an hour and a half made a perfect firework display to attract attention, burning its registered number and the private signal of the company no fewer than five times, as well as firing gun signals. The squadron went on firing, and the captain decided to wait for daylight. At last a searchlight discovered the Transatlantique, the shooting ceased, and the ship passed by. No communication, however, was made by the Russian vessel. Three days later at Cronstadt a Russian officer declared, quite naturally, that the rockets had been seen but the signals were not understood. Besides, he added they had not the commercial signal-books on boards, as they hardly ever had any use for them. The sea, by the way, is the world's highway,

Urijah Jum is not exactly a beautiful name. Nevertheless it is being hailed at the present time with great affection by the dog-lovers of France. The New York correspondent of a Paris newspaper has been sending home an account of an invention by a municipal councillor of New York, who is alleged to bear that name, consisting of a device for the protection of dogs from motor-cars. The invention, he tells us, takes the form of a sort of overcoat studded with sharp steel points, presumably something like a stiff hedgehog. That is all. If the armoured dog is run into by a motor-car the sharp points puncture the tyre, and the consequent rush of released air blows the dog out of danger. The overcoat part of the arrangement would of course protect the dog from catching cold from the draught. It is a beautiful idea, but some practical difficulties will suggest themselves to the sceptical mind. Suppose, for instance, the steel-pointed dog, in a moment of affection, rubbed itself against its master's legs or jumped up into his lap? But that after all, is of comparatively little import. What one would really like to be told is the original name which the French printer has translated into Urijah Jum;

The Rev. Richard Free has published (with Heinemann) a book describing his ministry in a poor part of East London, 'Seven Years' Hard.' We do not altogether care for its point of view, nor does it give much unvarnished experience, but it contains a pleasant selection of East End songs, quoted from the publications of Messrs. Francis, Day, and Hunter. One of the best is the song to "Lixa," of which this is the last stanza:—

> No bloke dare come and kiss yer,
> Or for 'im I shall go;
> If I should lose my temper,
> Then it's "What ho!" Liza Johnson—yes,
> "What ho!"

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> There's an old-fashion cottage with ivy round the door,
> A quaint old kitchen with sand upon the floor;
> There's a dear old lady, and wherever I may roam,
> I think of my mother and my dear old home.

Mr. Free has also heard some good phrases. His maid-of-all-work seems to have said that "master goes about like a wet week,' and that when she abused the baker (in her part of cook) he "gave her a look like a summons." Still more ingeniously, when the overcoat of a well-to-do visitor slid off the hall table, where he had put it, she bade him not to hang his cloths on the floor. A dash of impertinence is a great sauce to a housemaid.

The famous lawsuit of Jarndyce v. Jarndyce is recalled by a case which has just been decided in New Jersey. When Samuel Preeine of Monroe township, died, some years ago, he left an estate which after his death was appraised at dollars 25,000. In this will he bequeathed legacies for various relatives, but it appears that he overestimated the value of his estate, as there were specific legacies of dollars 23,000 and provision for the distribution of considerably more. A lawsuit began and has been in the courts for several years. When a final settlement was reached all that was left was dollars 2,000. The rest was eaten up in fees and costs.

The inconsistency in telegraphs charges which is such a familiar charge against our own Post-office is also common complaint abroad. They are now loudly complaining in Germany of the necessity of carefully studying the list of charges if you wish to save your pocket. Thus if you telegraph the words 10 mark 50 pfenning you pay for four words. If you express it Mark 10'50 you pay for two only. Should you write Prince of Wales it is three words, but run together into Princeofwales it goes as one. The figures 444 5 are passed as one word, but 444 1-2 is two. In the address of a telegram New York Frankfort Main, Emmingen-Wurttemberg are each two words, but if they occur in the body of the message they are only one.

Our own school teachers sometimes complain of the conditions under which they work. What would they say if they lived in the delectable, Duchy of Mecklenburg? According to the "Bayrische Lehrerzeitung" their salaries not being sufficient to support them, they are driven to carry on other occupations as well. Each teacher is given a book of "observances." This tells him that he must not sell beer or brandy, act as musician at a dance, or hire himself out as gamekeeper, though he may as a beater (in the sporting, not the scholastic meaning of the word). On the other hand, he is expected to act as sacristan as well as schoolmaster, to decorate the baptistery in case of a baptism, and generally to keep the church neat. At the end of the instruction-book comes a remarkable sentence. "The teacher, besides his other duties, is to do whatever is in conformity with old customs, even in cases which are not explicitly laid down in these instructions." So much for Mecklenburg.

An engineering writer has observed that the horse is as foolish as the hen, and insanitary on a larger scale. His peculiar habit of expressing dissatisfaction by walking sideways and of bolting incontinently on the slightest provocation is calculated to create a prejudice, though where he has the advantage of a German education, like the famous Hans, he seems to show signs of at least a mathematical intellect. But we shall all, and horse lovers especially be glad to see the machine substituted for the horse in the drudgery of the streets. Naturally it is to the birth-place of the motor-car, to France, that we look for the first signs of his emancipation. It appears that in Paris the total number of horses has fallen during the years 1903-1904 from 91,016 to 90,147. A decrease of 869 is not perhaps so very great, but if the increase of population and of vehicles of all kinds be allowed for the proportionate loss comes nearer 2,000. Still more striking is the statement that in 1900 the equine population was 133,892, so that in four years it has decreased some 40,000, or more than a third of the whole. At this rate the day of absolutely horseless streets is near at hand indeed.

The proverbial love of the British sailor for riding on horseback and his equally proverbial lack of success in the art seems to have been acquired by the Japanese tar as typified by Admiral Togo. It is told of him that during the time of the Boxer rising in China he was staying with General Fukushima, the commander of the Japanese forces in the march to Pekin. The General provided him with a horse, but the Admiral was so little at home on the animal's back that after some crowded minutes of glorious life, in which the horse bolted with his rider, Admiral Togo quitted his command with more haste than grace. This is perhaps the more remarkable as we are told that the gallant sailor is a philosopher of the school of Jomei, whose chief tenent was that the soul should always be maintained in a condition of perfect equilibrium. But perhaps that is not expected to apply to the body as well, and, like the White Knight in Alice, whatever position his body was in his mind went on working just the same.

There is a cowherd at Gieboldehausen who is now lamenting in prison a moment in which he gave way to the old warhorse instinct. During the recent German manœuvres the two hostile armies had come within touch of each other. One body was holding a hill another advanced to attack it. At the critical moment the respective commanders gave the order to charge and the conflict was already deepening when clear and shrill above every other sound came the bugle call Retreat The men obeyed the order wonderingly officers and umpires gazed at each other in amazement and it was not for some time when the confusion had been straightened out and the battle recommenced that the solution of the mystery was arrived at. Then it appeared that a cowherd who had formerly been trumpeter in one of the regiments engaged was watching his herd upon a neighbouring hill. Wildly excited by the sham battle before him he had burned with desire to show his old skill and upon his cowherd's horn he had imitated the call of the bugle to perfection. But why Retreat surely in the German army he cannot have had much practice in that particular signal. Perhaps that is why they have put him in prison.

The "New York Tribune" repeats a good story told by Mr. N. F. Woodbury, the Maine representative of the Prohibition National Committee. "I remember a village," said Mr. Woodbury, "where the contests over the liquor question were always very hot. There was one liquor saloon in the village and a week before a certain election a placard as big as the entire front of the house was raised before it. This enormous placard said in huge red letters: If the prohibition law passes this house will be closed. But in the dead of night odd noises were heard, and the next morning the enormous placard covered the front of the village poorhouse.

The inhabitants of a small village in the neighbourhood of Paderborn, in Westphalia, were recently thrown into a state of great excitement by the arrest in their midst of a deserter from the army. The village constable had received his instructions by telegraph and, having caught his man, wired back for instructions. In reply he was told to lose no time in forwarding his prisoner to the barracks in Paderborn. Two days elapsed but the deserter did not make his appearance at the barracks. Yet another telegram was sent to the constable, asking when the prisoner might be expected. The reply read: The prisoner should have arrived long before this. On receipt of your telegram I at once provided him with sufficient money to pay his fare to Paderborn, and he left by the next train. They are still waiting for him to arrive.

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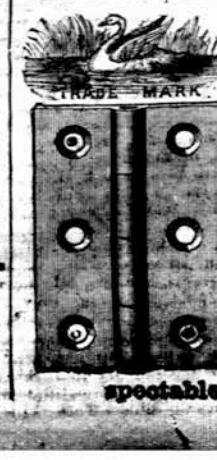

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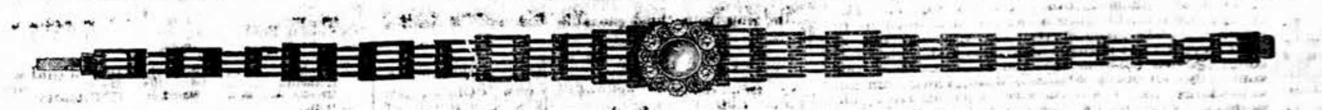

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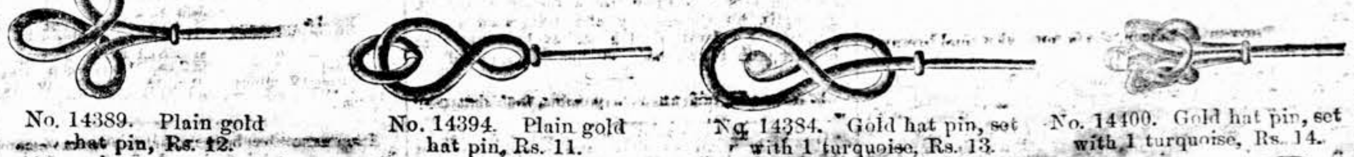

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The critics have reached out praise to Mrs. Brown Potter's Stephanie with no hesitating hand, for the actress looks the part as successfully as she plays it. Miss Genevieve Ward may have been dramatically stronger in the character, but her countrywoman has the more convincing personality for Stephanie. It is most essential to the comprehension of the story that the Marquise de Mohrivart should, in her manner and appearance, be in agreement with the author's suggestion that Barrato and other young students were lured to their ruin in the Mohrivart gambling hell by the sirenical charms of "the lady of the house." Mrs. Brown-Potter is the siren; Miss Genevieve Ward was the tragedy queen.

Fifteen years, or more, have gone by since Miss Ward and Mr. W. H. Vernon revived "Forget-Me-Not" in the Strand—was it at the Globe or the Opera Comique? It was a magnificent piece of acting we had from Miss Ward as Stephanie, but the actress at that time had been repeating her triumphs with Lady Macbeth and Meg Merrilies; and her Stephanie as I recollect it, seemed overcharged with the spirit of tragedy. She was a commanding rather than an alluring lady. The Stephanie at the Savoy in her relation to the early circumstances of the play's story might stand as a bewitching illustration to the lines of Thomson—

Her siren voice, enchanting, draws him on
To guileful shores and meads of fatal joy.

In the dramatic version of "Cavalleria Rusticana," which follows "Forget-Me-Not" at the Savoy, a distinctly favourable impression is made by Mr. Brown-Potter as the girl Santuzza, victim of the handsome and unscrupulous soldier Turridu Macca. The picturesque clothes of the Italian village-girl become the actress to perfection, and Mrs. Potter, in the many stirring little scenes of which the playlet is composed, expresses all the fierce warmth of the Southern nature—its passionate love, sorrow, jealousy, and hate—without once overdoing it, or becoming grand-operatic in walk and gesture. Actresses who play Italian parts, especially when they are costume parts, are, in their expression of nationality, rather given to rely upon swagger hip-swing. The absence of this sort of thing in Mrs. Brown-Potter's Santuzza is one of the most conspicuous among her performance's many agreeable features.

The marriage of Mr. Edward Terry and Lady Harris, widow of Sir Augustus Harris took place at the quaint old parish church at Barnes on the 24th instant. The popular hero of "Love in Idleness" has passed his three score by six months or so, having been born in London in March, 1843, but his devotion to an uncommony regular course of living has kept him, in heart and looks, close to the age of men who still have their jubilee to celebrate. The bridegroom is a great man for local affairs in the river village where he resides, and is closely connected with matters concerning the official side of his church. The bride, who lived in the big house in Avenue Road, Regent's Park, at which she and Sir Augustus Harris, when he was a Sheriff of the City of London, entertained so sumptuously, is herself largely interested in the administration of church charities, and it is rather a curious The Elms, the house in question, shares a carriage entrance with a wellknown place of worship. In Sir Augustus Harris's lifetime, when Sunday afternoon garden-parties were the rule at the Elms in the summer months, many a casual passer-by was treated to the amazing spectacle of familar pantomime artistes descending from cabs, broughams, and two-wheeled carts, with the apparent object of attending the children's service at the church which stood in front of the famous manager's dwelling.

Edward O'Connor Terry made his first appearance on any stage in a play called "The Lottery Ticket." This was in August, 1863, at the Mechanics' Institute, Christchurch, Hants. Four years later, at the Surrey Theatre, he made his London debut as Finnikin Fussleton in A cure for the Fidgets. Neither the piece nor the new London comedian made much of a success, and in a few months young Edward Terry was playing the First Gravegger at the Lyceum, in a revival of Hamlet, under the E. T. Smith management. What did you think of my performance? asked Terry of an old and candid friend. I thought it very bad indeed, was the cheering friend's immediate reply. Well, said the young actor, self-consolingly, there is this to be said for me: it's my First Gravedigger!

Terry was not properly known to the public as a comedian until he made his appearance as King of Toledo in Byron's burlesque. "The Pilgrim of Love," which was produced at the Strand Theatre in 1869. His success in this character was of the most conspicuous kind, and as an actor in merely his twenty-fifth year he had every reason to feel proud of himself when he read in the "Times" that he was the great man of the performance who had "at once made his mark as a grotesque actor of the most singular qualifications." This part of the King was evidently the foundation stone of the Edward Terry manner, for the "Times," dealing with his first success, went on with words which might well have been repeated over again in reference to his future achivements at the Gaiety under the banner of the late John Hollingshead the description of him at twenty-five fitted him like a glove at fifty—habitual melancholy, which is itself expressed by the oddest postures, is relieved by frantic Terpsichorean explosions, varying the routine of the ordinary "breakdown", with eccentricities after the manner of Callot. As a comic singer he is also a proficient; and a dismal ditty, in which the unhappy monarch recounts the maladies he has suffered with very sorrowful mirth, is encored no less than three times amid roars of laughter."

At the Strand Theatre, during the time that he was a Prominent member of its company, Mr. Terry played in comedies and burlesques (mostly burlesques) by Byron, Burnand, Farnie, and Reece. In the part of Cassidy, in Byron's Old Soldiers, Mr. Edward Terry made the discovery that he could draw other tears besides those of laughter but although the public were easily impressed by his pathos, they preferred laughing at him to crying over him and he wisely postponed the habitual exercise of the pathetic mood until the lamp of burlesque began to show signs of flickering. After fulfilling his long engagement at the Strand Mr. Terry, in 1877, became a member of the famous Gaiety burlesque company, and there, under the management of John Hollingshead, he became, as everyone knows, the Edward Terry of theatrical history. He has been very successful in comedy since; his Dick Phenyl, in Pinero's "Sweet Lavender," being, no doubt, the best example of his comedy powers.

That most versatile of actors, Mr. Charles Collette writes in reference to a recent note in 'M.A.P.,' headed "From Theatre to Music-hall," that he was the first London actor to break down the barrier of prejudice with the dramatic profession held at one time against the sphere of the music-hall. Not only has Mr. Collette oscillated between theatre and hall, but he has actually fulfilled concurrent engagements at both. In 1887, when appearing as the old Scotch waiter, Bishopriggs, in "Man and Wife," at the Haymarket (in which Mrs Brown-Potter made her London debut as Anne Sylvester), Mr. Charles Collette was singing nightly at the Royal, Holborn. In the same year his admirers were in a position to toss up whether they should hear him as Charles Collette, at the old Trocadero, or as Autolycus in Miss Mary Anderson's beautiful Lyceum production of A Winter's Tale. Fancy music-hall business with the late Sam Adams and Shakespeare's poetry with Miss Mary Anderson all in one evening! Again, while he was a member of Mrs. Oscar Beringer's company at the now extinct Opera Comique, and playing Hugh de Brass in A Regular Fix, he was performing at two music-halls as well—the Holborn Royal and the London Pavilion.

A few weeks before his death. John Hollingshead was seated in the office of a musical comedy manager when (so the tale has been told to me) a messenger arrived from another musical comedy manager, who is also an actor, with a polite request for a private box for a matinee. The gentleman who desired the favour has a reputation for being rather too fond of the "sincerest form of flattery" methods of business; and the manager of whom the box was asked, well knowing him to be an enthusiastic collector of "titbits from all round," turned to Hollingshead with a frown and asked, quietly, "Would you let him into the theatre, John?" The answer of Practical John was as witty as it was ready. "Oh, yes," he said, consolingly; why not? Better to admit him in the daytime than to leave him to break in at night! Besides, he added thoughtfully, "they are sure by now to have his finger-prints at Scotland Yard!"

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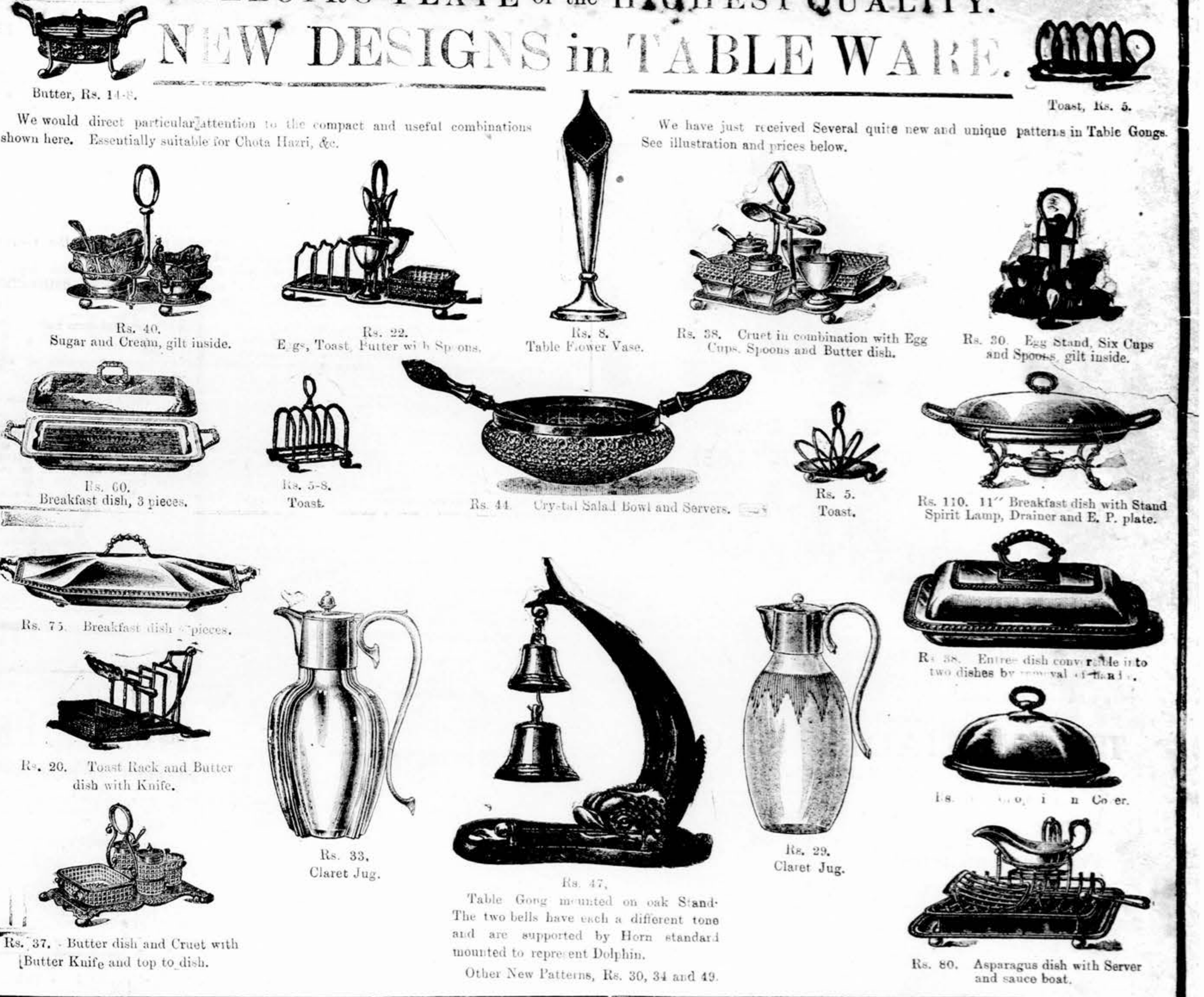

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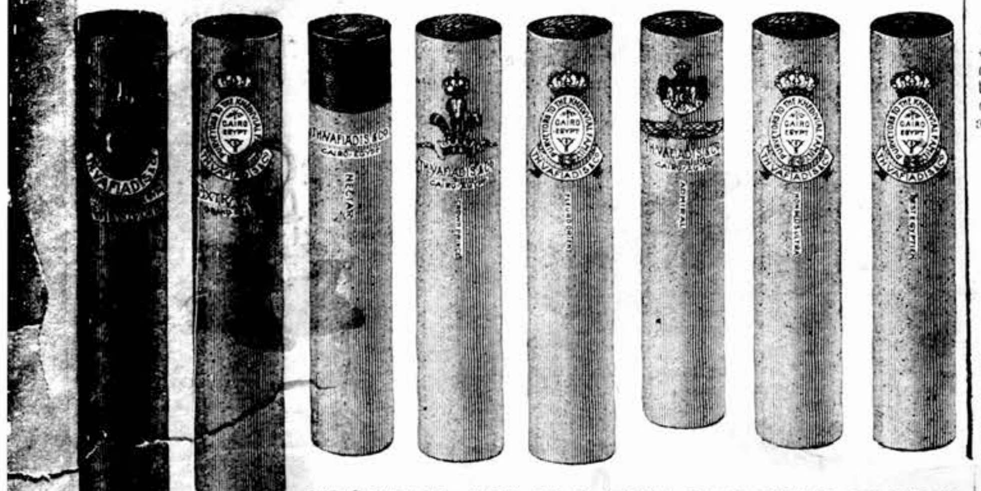

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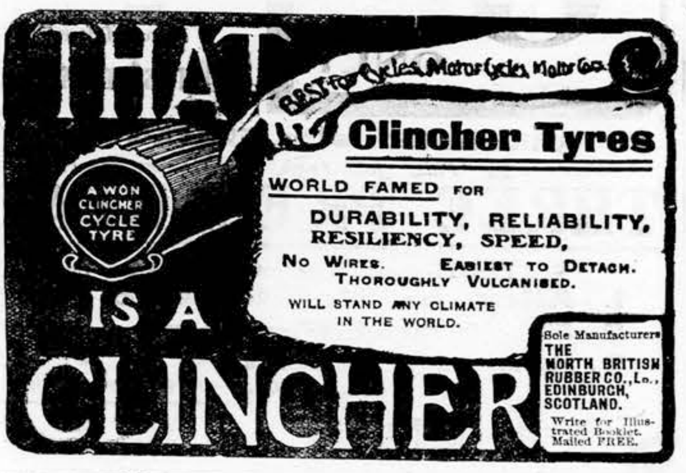
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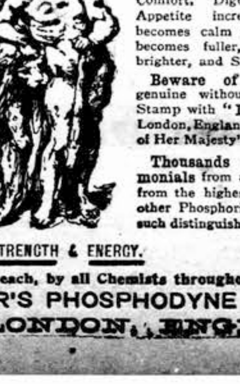

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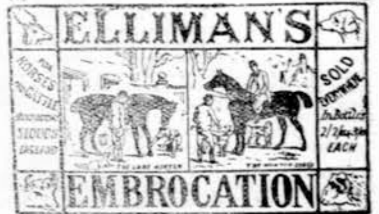

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